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VYSHINSKY RETURNS TO THE ATTACK FOR DISARMAMENT

Claims "Unceasing, Mad Arms Race" By U.S., U.K.

Paris, November 19.
Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, today defended the Soviet proposal for a reduction by one third in the armaments of the "Big Five" powers when he addressed the United Nations General Assembly.

Speaking quietly at first, Mr. Vyshinsky said the reason why he put forward his disarmament proposal was "the unceasing mad arms race of the United States, the United Kingdom and of the other countries of the Anglo-American bloc."

Mr. Vyshinsky urged strongly that the ideas of conventional disarmament and the prohibition of the atom bomb be considered and solved simultaneously and as an entity.

He said the Western proposal did not touch upon this fundamental question. He added, looking towards Mr. Hector McNeill, who had spoken before Mr. Vyshinsky: "You should say whether you are for or against the prohibition of the atomic weapon so that everybody may know."

Waving his forefinger, Mr. Vyshinsky declared: "The Soviet delegation considers it its duty to expose the behind-the-scenes activity in the War Ministries of the United States and the United Kingdom, where people are working furiously to prepare a new war."

Confidence And Security

He said the Soviet disarmament proposal would help the establishment of international confidence and security and ease the financial burden on the shoulders of the peoples.

He described the Western proposal as "this notorious resolution" and said that it did not represent one step forward, in the prohibition of the atomic bomb.

(The Western majority plan contained in a Franco-Belgium resolution calls for the establishment of an international control body empowered to "receive, check, and publish full information," to be supplied by all members of the United Nations on their armed strength. Details of the plan are to be worked out by the Security Council and the Commission on Conventional Armaments.)

(The Soviet proposal is that the "Big Five" cut their armaments by one-third within a year, that the atomic bomb be abolished, and that an international control body be set up to receive "full official data" of the armed strength of the "Big Five.")

Empty Proposals

Mr. Vyshinsky declared: "This (Western) resolution removed from our discussion the whole (atomic) question under a screen of some ineffective and empty proposals for future consultations."

He described as a "distortion of fact" the suggestion that the Soviet Union was opposed to control and prevented the reaching of necessary agreement.

Rash Of Royal Divorces Breaks Out In Cairo

Cairo, November 19.
Two royal divorces were simultaneously announced in Cairo today. The marriages of King Farouk of Egypt to 27 year old Queen Farida and of his sister, 26 year old Empress Fawzia, to the Shah of Persia, have both been dissolved.

King Farouk is 28 and the Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi is 29. King Farouk and Queen Farida wished to "separate by divorce in spite of all, the regret they feel," the official announcement said.

The divorce of the Shah of Persia and Empress Fawzia "by mutual accord" would not affect friendly relations existing between Persia and Egypt, it was stated.

In future, the good relations would be "developed more than in the past to the welfare of the two countries."

The Weather

At 0900 GMT (2 p.m. HKT), the typhoon was centred 100 miles S.W. of Tokyo moving N.E. at 30 knots. From its tough centre S. to 4 shallow low pressure areas S. of the Philippines. Pressure remains high over Siberia and China.

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PICTURE OF THE DAY

WILLIAM BULLITT ARRIVES



Mr. William C. Bullitt (left), former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, arrives at the Lungwa Air Field, Shanghai. Among those there to welcome him were Dr. Chen Kuo Lien (right), head of the Shanghai Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recently appointed Chinese Minister to Denmark, and Mr. C. Lee, a friend. (AP Photo)

Shanghai Labour Situation Explosive

Shanghai, November 19.
Shanghai's troubled labour situation drifted to an explosive stage today when several thousand high and primary school teachers joined in the 24 hour old strike of the silk and textile mill workers and cinema machine-room operators for higher pay and better working conditions.

The final performances of local theatres were cancelled last night as machine-room operators went on strike following the rejection of a six-point demand handed to the management earlier in the day.

The movie houses are expected to remain closed today as a result of the strong stand taken by the Shanghai Cinema Exhibitors Guild.

In view of the fear of retaliation on the part of the operators, the Shanghai Garrison Command placed officers and police on duty at all theatres.

The step was deemed necessary by the management to avoid any Houan threatened strong action to check the precipitate exodus, which he said was "a direct surrender to the Communists" and tended to disturb public order in the rear.

Yuan Families To Evacuate

Nanking, November 19.
Dependents of members of the Legislative Yuan, whose homes are in the North of the Yangtze, will be evacuated to places of safety.

This was decided at a meeting today of a special committee of the Yuan. About 300 Legislative Yuan members come from the North of the river and the dependents of the members are at present in Nanking.

Other dependents have already taken refuge in the South but some from regions in the North, still held by the Nationalists, remain in their homes.

The points of evacuation are Formosa, Kanchow in Kiangsi and Kyellin in Kiangsi.

The committee decided that legislators concerned will be issued with half a year's salary and allowances in advance to meet the costs of evacuation. — Reuter-AAP.

damage to their equipment. The operators are demanding a 100 per cent increase in salary over the cost of living index.

No Success

The city's top-ranking officials, including Mayor K. C. Wu, conferred unsuccessfully today with the leaders of the General Labour Union, which claims a membership of about one million, in an effort to end the spreading strikes, which hitherto have brought to a standstill dozens of factories, all movie theatres and the majority of schools.

The dispute stemmed from the city government's cost of living index for the first half of November, which Labour considers inadequate although it is 3.2 times higher than the mid-August figure.

Describing them as "rotten elements" of the population, General

NATIONALISTS CLAIM "SWEEPING VICTORY" IN HSUCHOW BATTLE

Nanking, November 19.
Pro-Government despatches reported today that the Battle of Hsuehchow, after ten days' fighting of unprecedented ferocity, has ended in a "sweeping victory" for the Nationalists and "complete frustration" of the Communists' attempt to threaten Nanking and Shanghai.

In recognition of the distinguished services rendered, President Chiang Kai-shek has awarded the Blue Sky, White Sun medal and a monetary reward of GY200,000 to General Chiu Ching-yuan, whose army group was credited with the defeat of the Communist General Chen Yi's forces on the Eastern flank of Hsuehchow.

General Liu Shih, Commander of the Government Headquarters at Hsuehchow, has also appropriated GY1,000,000 as reward to all Nationalist officers and men participating in the vital battle.

In a report from Hsuehchow, quoting official estimates, the Central Daily News, Kuomintang mouthpiece, placed the total Communist losses at over 200,000, and declared that the Communist attempt to advance on Nanking and Shanghai had "disintegrated."

The Chinese press, placing the Communist forces in the current battle at 500,000 men under Generals Liu Po-sheng, Chen Yi and Chen Keng, said that the ambitious Communist campaign was personally directed by Mao Tse-tung and Chu Teh from Southern Shan-tung.

These reports said that the Communist offensive, which was first upset by the defeat of Chen Yi's forces on the Grand Canal front east of Hsuehchow, ended in "complete failure" yesterday when more than 20,000 of Liu Po-cheng's troops were claimed annihilated South of Hsuehchow.

Withdrawing

The definite lull developing in the Hsuehchow battle tended to confirm the belief that the Communist forces were withdrawing under the pounding of the Chinese Air Force to await more favourable conditions for a fresh attack.

Pro-Government reports said Hsuehchow garrison troops were "mopping up" from the city in a series of mopping-up operations while there was a noticeable lull in Government air operations against the Reds. Whether this was due to lack of targets as the Communists pulled back or whether the air arm itself was in need of rest after more than a week of top-speed operations was not clear.

The Kiangnan Evening Post, in a review of latest despatches, said General Hsuehchow's army group, striking along the Lungshai line, recovered Hsuehchow, 70 miles east of Hsuehchow, while to the north Nationalist troops claimed control of the Likue-Hanchuan rail line 30 miles above Hsuehchow.

Nanking relaxed with relief from the tension which had been the city the past two months, observers said. General Chiu Ching-yuan's Chinese Air Force had won a new position both in the eyes of the people and the eyes of old-line Army commanders—possibly including Chiang Kai-shek himself—who previously looked down on tactical value of air power.

No Explanation

Just what was responsible for the startling reversal of form on the part of the Chinese forces, whose past performance in previous battles had been anything but outstanding, was still not explained.

French Have Jitters Over Action In Ruhr

Paris, November 19.
French fears that Britain and the U.S. are pushing German recovery too fast appear to be a greater danger to the French Government than the Communist strike problem.

The National Assembly's committee on foreign affairs protested violently against the decision of the British and American military governments to return control of Ruhr industry to German trustees.

The committee demanded that French representatives to the London six-power conference on the Ruhr take a stand not only for international control over distribution of the industrial area's coal and steel but for "international technical and commercial controls as well."

The Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, will be called before the foreign affairs committee next week. He will have to do a lot of explaining to appease the assembly.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall, talked privately today with Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, and it was understood French objections on the Ruhr were discussed.

All French factions are united against pushing German recovery, and differ only as to degree.

This feeling among Frenchmen, coupled with the political success of General Charles de Gaulle, are becoming a source of sharp concern for top American officials.

These officials fear that were de Gaulle to gain control of the French Government, his policies would jeopardize the success of the European Recovery Programme. They regard his nationalism as opposed to the best interests of Western Europe.

American observers fear that de Gaulle, if he came to power, would tend to disrupt international co-operation by an uncompromising attitude, particularly in the German situation.

ALL IS NOT YET CLEAR

From Our Own Correspondent
Peking, November 19.
The result of the fighting in the Hsuehchow area remains unclear because, despite the Government claims of repeated victories, Communist assaults continue unabated while fighting is reported along the Pukow-Hsuehchow railway well South of Hsuehchow.

The next North China fighting is expected in the East Hopei angle between the Peiping-Tientsin and Tientsin-Shanghai lines. Both areas are major links in the neighbourhood of Tongshan and East Peiping where the Communist spearheads are within 40 miles of the city.

Peiping is quiet and the city seems normal. The rush of Chinese civilians has decreased, probably owing to the belief that Shanghai and Nanking are even less safe than here.

Taiyuan is still holding despite continual attack, and the situation in Paoing is uncertain, both sides claiming possession of part of the city.

The statement that 1500 U.S. Marines have been dispatched to Taingiao for the protection of American evacuees arriving there by sea would appear to be merely an official explanation because 2,000 Marines have been stationed there for a long time. It seems more probable that the reason for the Marines' move is to strengthen the forces there in case of a sudden move by Communists who are now outside the port.

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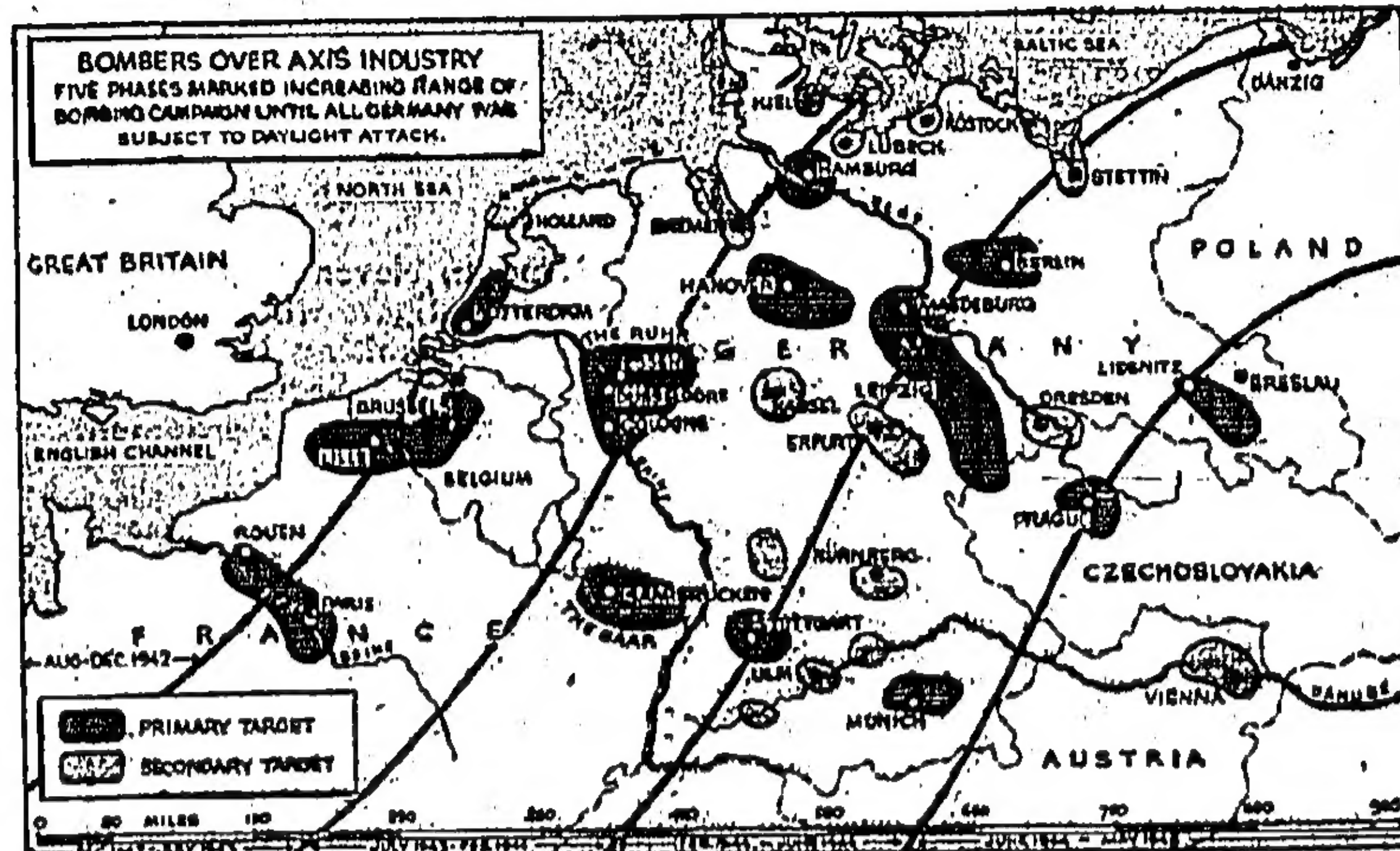
THE TWELFTH INSTALLMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
Own Story Of The War
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heavy bombers first began operating in formation outside fighter range, the volume of their defensive fire so astonished the enemy that for a period we enjoyed a considerable degree of immunity. Gradually, however, the German devised new tactics and methods and began to use his fighters in large concentrations against our units. Our percentage of losses began to mount rapidly. One June 13, 1942, the U.S. Eighth Air Force attacked Kiel with 70 planes, without fighter support, and lost 22. A later raid by 281 planes suffered a loss of 60. With each plane shot down went also a minimum of ten officers and men. In the

The British fighter called the Spitfire was handicapped by very short range, although in other respects it was one of the finest then in existence. While acknowledging the superior defensive power of our Fortress formations, the British still held that unless we quickly turned to night bombing our losses would



be prohibitive and our effort futile. The arguments on this point were long, with neither side convinced. It was granted by all that daylight precision bombing

and completely tested before anything could lead us to deviate from it. In the final outcome, months later, both sides were proved to be partially right. When our

ing army. His troops included a number of Canadian divisions serving under the command of General Andrew McNaughton. Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas was designated as the commander for the British Expeditionary Air Force. Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay was named to head British naval forces. It was in co-operation with these men that the original work of developing a European invasion plan was undertaken by United States Headquarters.

It is difficult now to recapture the sober, even fearful, atmosphere of those days: the state of the public mind which was reflected in the thinking of so many people in and out of the service. Except for the early June defeat of the Japanese fleet at Midway, Allied fortunes were at low ebb. Prospects were bright only in their long-range aspect, and were contingent on Russia's maintaining heretofore in the war with the material help that could be given her while the United States developed her latent power. Moreover, it was essential that Great Britain hang on grimly in India and the Western Desert in order to keep our two principal enemies divided and to deny them the Middle East oil.

In the summer of 1942 it took a very considerable faith, not to say optimism, to look forward to the day when the potentialities of the United States would be fully developed, and the power of the three great Allies could be applied simultaneously and decisively against the European Axis. This attitude of faith was demanded at all superior headquarters. Any expression of defeatism or any failure to push ahead in confidence was instant cause for relief from duty, and all officers knew it.

At the time of my visit to London, in May, no detailed study of tactical plans for an invasion of the coast line of northwestern Europe had been made. Requirements in troops, planes, supplies, and equipment were all yet to be determined. In general terms I was thinking of an assault to be launched early in 1943, conducted during its initial stages by British troops supported by possibly ten or twelve American divisions. This general idea presupposed the existence in England of an air force capable of carrying out the preliminary and supporting action that we believed to be necessary. It presupposed, also, British capacity for assisting materially in the quick delivery of all the amphibious equipment we would need, and, of course, contemplated the regular arrival of new divisions from the United States in sufficient strength to support the attack constantly and to enlarge the operations against the enemy.

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DEATH

HONG SLING—At her residence, 9 Garden Terrace, Hong Kong, on November 16, 1940, at 4.40 p.m., Mrs. Hong Sling, dearly beloved mother of Harry and William Hong Sling and Mrs. George Chun Pong Ng, Funeral will leave the residence at 1 p.m. today arriving at Yat Pit Ting, at 2 p.m.

THIRD PARTY INSURANCE

If ever there were a case to end all arguments about the necessity for the institution in Hong Kong of a system of compulsory third party insurance for motor drivers, in line with every other civilised part of the globe, it was surely to be found in the Kowloon Court this week when a scaffolding erector was awarded compensation of \$300 for the loss of a leg. Three hundred dollars!—the maximum the magistrate could award and almost certainly the maximum that the driver responsible for the accident could afford to pay, being the equivalent of two months' salary. The victim's leg was amputated at the Kowloon Hospital following an accident attributable to the failure of a driver to keep his head in an emergency when in charge of a vehicle to which he was not accustomed. The victim contributed in no way to the incident: he was working nearby when the truck ran off the road. As a scaffolding erector, the loss of a leg means the loss of his livelihood, at least in the sphere of his working experience. In the absence of compulsory third party insurance, which would ensure for him a reasonable award for the loss of a limb in such circumstances, he is compelled to accept the paltry sum of \$300 in compensation, or futilely pursue a man of straw through the civil courts, a process which, in any case, he cannot himself afford. Three months ago, a man of 61, with a wife and two daughters of school age to support, was knocked down and received compensation of \$500 without a court order. He was earning \$200 monthly, but has been in hospital ever since. Today he has absolutely no redress because there is no protection for innocent victims of reckless driving such as could be provided by compulsory insurance against third party risks. Without such protection, public vehicle drivers escape the consequences of dangerous driving for the reason that such compensation as is awarded by the magistrates' courts is almost invariably based, not upon the extent of the injury, its influence upon the victim's working capacity, the degree of disablement, but upon the ability of the offender to pay. Civil action involves expense which few of the victims have the resources to incur and they are consequently compelled to accept such ridiculous awards as \$300 for the loss of a leg. This question of providing a remedy through compulsory third party insurance is not new. Since the war, it has been repeatedly urged in these columns, it has been discussed by the Traffic Advisory Board, the Automobile Association and the leading insurance companies of their agents. Resistance, the only resistance of any importance, comes together from the insurance companies, an attitude which appears to be utterly illogical, particularly as they readily accept third

The U.S. Army Air Forces believed in daylight-bombing the heavily defended Fortress type of bomber as the backbone of the organization. I emphatically agreed. Each of these planes carried ten .50-caliber machine guns for defence. We believed that, in suitable close formations permitting concentration of a terrific fire power, they could proceed well outside of the area in which they could be protected by their own fighters and could carry out daylight bombing operations without undue losses.

The Prime Minister was convinced that this view was false and that the United States was merely wasting its effort and resources in making the attempt. General Spaatz knew, of course, that the United States was already developing long-range fighters which would become available by the time his Eighth Air Force could reach its scheduled strength. However, for some months his forces would have to employ the P-39 and P-40 fighters, which had very limited operational radius, roughly about three hundred miles. The Prime Minister urged us to give up the whole idea of daylight bombing and start training our crews for night work. British air experience at that time was far greater than ours. Following hard upon the Battle of Britain in 1940, they had begun laboriously to build up a bomber force that could strike deep into the heart of Germany. Their experience had driven them to bomb only at night; otherwise they suffered unsupportable losses. The British staged their first 1000-plane raid in an attack against Cologne on the night of May 30-31, 1942. Losses amounted to 42 planes.

The British bombers could not, in daylight, have undertaken such an operation except with prohibitive losses. We believed that this was due to the fact that they were designed for range and weight lifting at the expense of speed and defensive fire power.

THE EDUCATION OF THE ROYAL CHILD

When Albert, the Prince Consort, husband of Queen Victoria, wanted advice on the education of his eldest son, Edward, Prince of Wales and heir to the throne of Great Britain, he called a formal conference of all the most prominent educationalists of the day to discuss the whole problem with due solemnity and care. No such laborious procedure is in the least likely to be followed by the Prince Consort's great-grandchildren, Prince Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, to decide the lines on which their first baby shall be brought up and educated. Nevertheless, the question of the baby, who will rank as second in succession to the throne is one of such wide interest that many conferences and family councils must be held for its discussion. At these informal, friendly talks, both now and in the future, it is the King who has the final word, for constitutionally the education of the future heir to the throne is a matter for the Sovereign's decision. But the views of the Princess, and her husband on such matters run so parallel to those of the King and Queen that there is certain to be complete agreement.

Difficult Art

Lessons in the difficult art of Royal living must begin at a very early age, neither the Princess nor the Duke intend that their child shall be allowed to form any preconceived ideas of its importance. The kind of babyhood that Louis XIV. of France experienced, for example, with his father's courtiers constantly in attendance on him, and elaborate formal ceremonies, certainly, as the Princess would be absolutely unthinkable to the young Royal couple of today. Another feature of her own

party insurance from individual applicants. Behind the objection, of course, is fear of ambulance chasers, and a succession of claims the bona fides of which might be highly suspect. There has, however, been no practical experience whatever of how compulsory insurance would, in fact, work out in Hong Kong: there is no ready-to-hand justification for assuming that a scheme which has been eminently successful elsewhere would be disastrous for insurance people in this Colony. Such incidents as we have quoted should furnish enough evidence on the other side to override objections built up on grounds which lack one iota of proof. As a minimum first step, the Government should compel an experimental period of two or three years.

babyhood which Princess Elizabeth is determined to repeat in the case of her baby, is the rejection and shelter from over-early exposure to publicity which the then Duke and Duchess of York took such care to surround both their children. Public life will come soon enough for the young Prince and especially during the first few years when he is still at home, every effort will be made to prevent all intrusion on the family life of the Royal couple and their baby.

By
Louis Wulff

Two subjects which the new Royal baby will begin to learn at a very early age from his mother and father are religion and that never-failing courtesy and consideration for others that are the very essence of the personalities of both the Princess and the Duke and of the King and Queen. The Duke, whose education began in a nursery school at St. Cloud, outside Paris, and continued through an English preparatory school, a small public school in Scotland, and on very modern lines, to Dartmouth and the Royal Navy, is a firm believer in a democratic basis for the education of Royal children. His wife is in full agreement for though her own education was on unusual lines, it was certainly of a democratic nature. Outside the actual schoolroom, where she studied alone and with her elder Princess Margaret, Princess Elizabeth was encouraged to mix as much as possible with children of her own age, in the Buckingham Palace Company of Girl Guides, for instance, she learned a great deal about mixing with other girls and finding out their point of view, lessons which have been of great value to her in later life.

Beyond these broad outlines, nothing has yet been decided

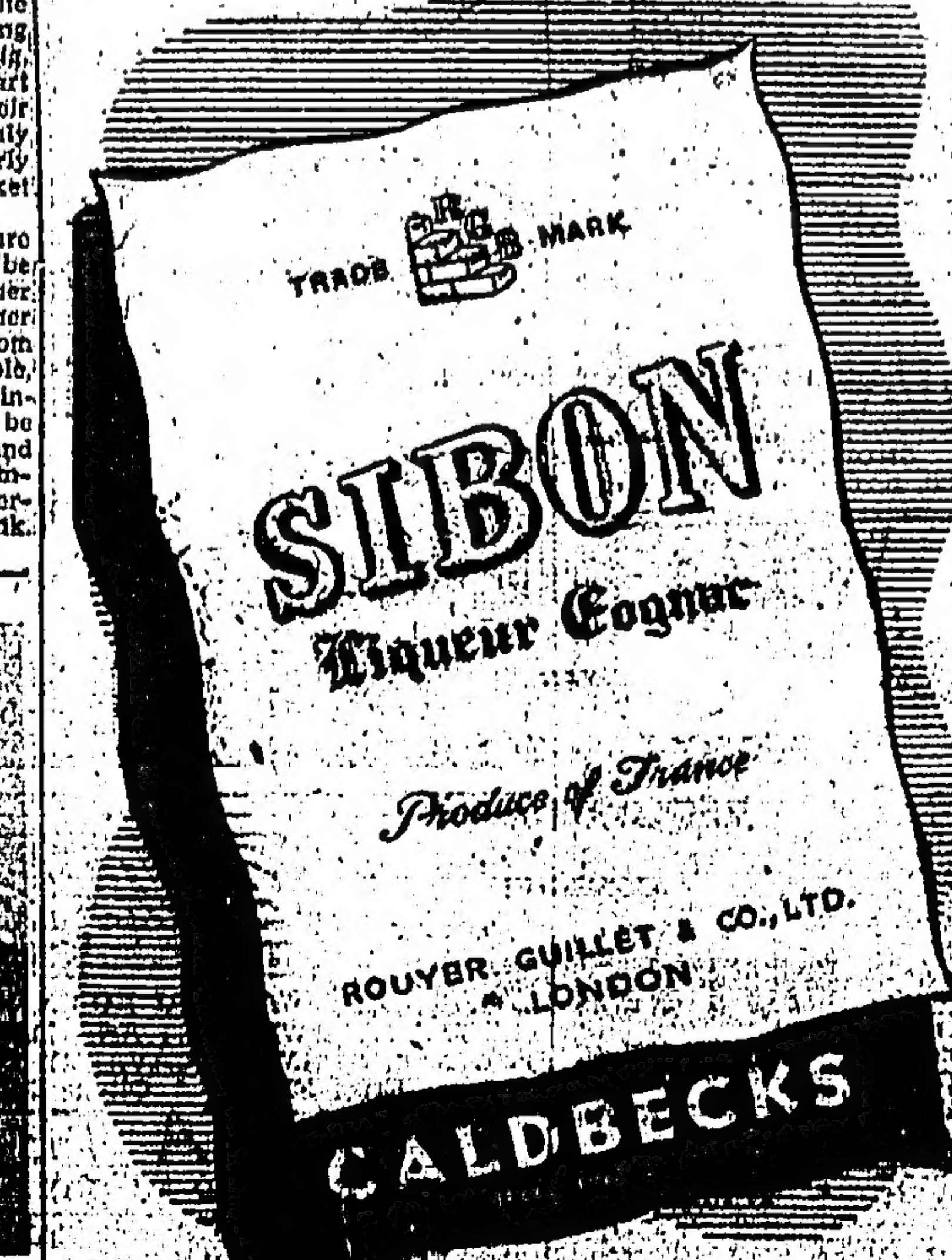
about the details of the education of the newest member of the Royal House of Windsor. The baby being a boy, the first among the educational problems is the question of whether he shall be trained, according to the regular tradition of Royalty, for one of the services. If this plan should be adopted, as it most probably will, there is no question of which of the three will be chosen. The new Prince's father and grandfather are both naval men, and the King and his son-in-law share the conviction that the Royal Navy remains today the finest training ground for character, and manhood in the whole world. Entry at Dartmouth Royal Naval College, either direct, as in the case of the King, or by "special entry" from a public school as in the case of the Duke, and subsequent service in the Navy would not mean that the young Prince's parents envisage a naval career for him, but merely that early years spent with the Senior Service would give him that background of team-work, discipline, self-reliance, coupled with care for others, which has been such a valuable asset to so many members of the Royal Family.

Apart from school work proper, the Princess and her husband have strong views on the importance of physical training and sports. Swimming, riding, physical culture will form part of the early programme of their son, and the Duke will certainly start him himself with early lessons on how to hold a cricket bat.

The education of a future sovereign must, of necessity, be different from that of his or her future subjects, since this or that future must be so different from theirs. But as far as possible, the Princess and the Duke intend that their child shall be brought up on normal lines and allowed to develop as they themselves both were, his own personality, unspoiled by Royal rank.

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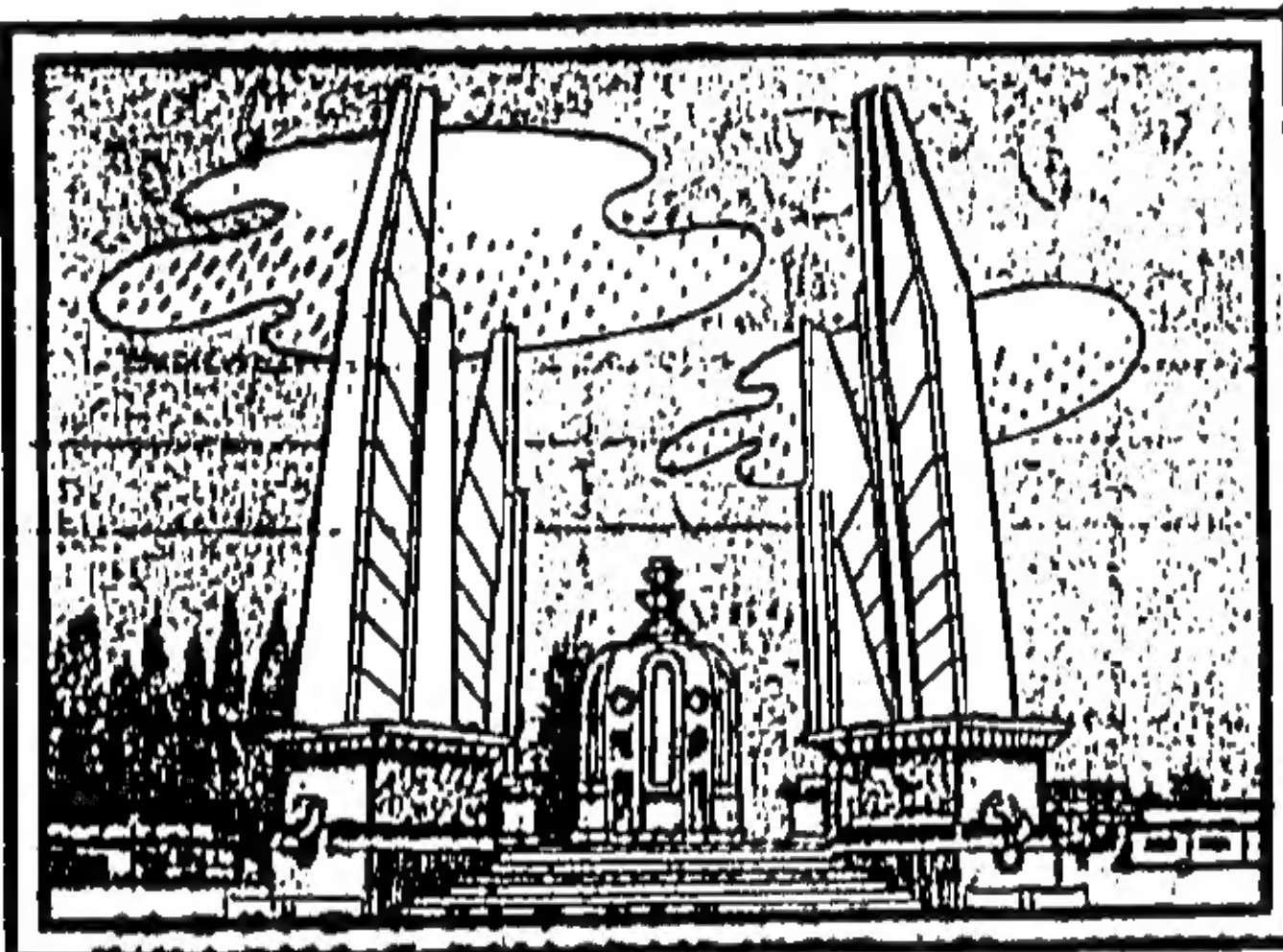
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UNITED STATES TO SPEED FOOD SHIPMENT TO CHINA

Reform Of The KMT Inevitable

New York, November 18. A Foreign Policy Association Bulletin today expressed the opinion that a reorganization of the Kuomintang in China is likely to become inevitable and material aid from the United States cannot halt this progress.

The Bulletin by John King Fairbank, head of Harvard University's regional programme on China, added, "Foreign arms and food will not maintain a Chinese regime once it has so clearly lost the tacit acquiescence of the population."

"The fact is that President Chiang Kai-shek has had 20 years in which to compete with Communism for the support of the Chinese people."

"In Asia we would be well advised to support non-Communist regimes if they can gain the acquiescence of organized peasantry on whom political power will in the future be increasingly based."

"We must avoid accepting claims to legitimacy by Chinese political figures who have lost credit with their own people."

"We must face the fact that the Communist movement is not only genuinely Communist but also genuinely Chinese."—United Press.

Communist 5th Column

Cincinnati, November 18. The AFL president, William Green, today demanded that the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and the British Trades Union Congress withdraw from the World Federation of Trade Unions, which he called a "Communist fifth column."

Mr. Green's attack followed addresses by the British and Canadian fraternal delegates. He said evidence of the World Federation's Communist leaning was its failure to endorse and work for the success of the Marshall Plan in Europe.

He added that the AFL was ready to join with free trade unions of the world to form a new workers' federation free of Communists.—United Press.

Call To Powers On Disarmament

Paris, November 19. Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines last night called on the great powers to try again to agree on disarmament.

General Romulo opened the final debate on arms limitation in the full session of the UN General Assembly.

He supported a major proposal providing for the UN Commission for conventional armaments to continue its studies toward arms limitation and regulation.

The Assembly was debating the proposal and a Russian counter-resolution for a one-third reduction in the armed forces of the five great powers and a ban on the atomic bomb.

"The vicious circle of which should come first, international confidence or disarmament, must be broken somewhere," Romulo said.

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Washington, November 19.

The United States acted today to speed up shipments of wheat and rice to key cities in North and Central China.

The Economic Co-operation Administration announced that two shiploads of wheat have been diverted from the U.S. Army and are on the way to the Tientsin-Peiping area.

Two other shipments are expected to arrive there on November 22 and a large cargo of flour on November 29.

Harlan Cleveland, director of the ECA China programme, said that in all, 12 shiploads of wheat and flour are involved in emergency shipments to China.

Mr. Cleveland said the programme will deliver sufficient wheat and flour to feed the 11,000,000 residents of the six principal cities of China, providing about 15 pounds of rice and flour a person a month.

Most of the deliveries will be completed by mid-December, Mr. Cleveland said.

The ECA official said the emergency programme entailed the speeding up of shipments from the United States, the diversion of shipments already afloat, and the immediate use of rice and wheat instead of the arranged use of the food in January.

Hong Kong Rice

In addition to the wheat from the U.S., 10,000 tons of rice is on the way from Hong Kong to Shanghai.

Officials did not explain what was the original destination of the Army wheat diverted to China.

Mr. Cleveland said the programme will mean spending \$15,000,000 more for food than had been originally planned. He explained that this money would be taken from proposed expenditures for industrial equipment under the China Aid Programme.

The 12 shiploads of wheat and flour being made immediately available were originally due for delivery shortly after the first of the year.

Asked how long the emergency programme would be continued, Mr. Cleveland said: "There are too many factors involved to predict how long we must continue this operation."

He said, however, that it will require approximately 14,000 tons of wheat a month for each major city in the North China area.

South China

A similar allotment will be necessary for cities of proportionate size in South China.

U.S. Marine Air Wing For China?

San Diego, November 18. The Daily Journal today published a copyrighted story saying that "secret orders" have been received which may send the First Marine Aircraft Wing based at Santa Ana to China.

The Journal said a spokesman for the wing declined to say whether the orders were connected with the Marine Infantry Battalion at Tsingtao, the main evacuation port for Americans in China, but added that the spokesman said the wing's combat squadrons operating from El Toro Marine base are ready for an instant call to China or any other spot.

The Journal said that supplies of spare parts and other equipment are ready for loading aboard air transports and giant transport planes are available for mass airlift overseas.

The First Marine Air Wing is commanded by Major General Louis Woods.

Meanwhile, ranking officers at Camp Pendleton near Oceanside, California, the world's largest Marine Corps installation, said no orders have been received for transfer of troops to Guam or China. Pendleton would be the main source of any reinforcements for island garrisons.—United Press.

SHINWELL VISIT TO WAR GRAVES

London, November 18. The Secretary for War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, who is Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, left today to visit Commonwealth cemeteries in France and Italy.

He wishes to acquaint himself with the problems facing the Commission and with steps which are being taken to make the cemeteries for those who fell in the last War as beautiful and as well cared for as the cemeteries of 1914-18.—Reuter.

Carriers For U.S. Evacuation?

Honolulu, November 19.

The U.S. aircraft carriers Tarawa and Princeton, now manoeuvring off the China coast, could be used to remove Americans from Tsingtao in a hurry if necessary.

That was the statement today of Rear Admiral William G. Tomlinson, commander of the military air transport service in the Pacific, upon his return from a conference at Tsingtao.

Tomlinson told newsmen that on the short cruise from Tsingtao to Japan the carrier's hangar decks would have space for hundreds of refugee passengers.

Task force 38, which includes the carriers Tarawa and Princeton, is due on Saturday at Yokosuka naval base in Japan after manoeuvres in the China Sea.

A Pacific Fleet headquarters spokesman said there is no chance of a change in plans for the task force to return to Pearl Harbour in late November but that "task force 38 is capable of remaining in the Tsingtao area indefinitely."

The United States is sending 1,250 more Marines to Tsingtao from Guam to help in removing Americans fleeing China.

A Shanghai report said a Communist truck column has been spotted moving toward Tsingtao.

Tomlinson discussed the air supply situation for the navy at Tsingtao with Vice-Admiral Oscar Badger, commander of the Naval Forces of the Western Pacific. At present military air transport planes visit Tsingtao twice weekly. Tomlinson said no immediate change is planned in this schedule.

"You can not tell now what may happen from week to week," he said, adding that preparations have been made for increasing the air supply plan to meet any emergency.—Associated Press.

VIETNAMESE FLEE FROM TERROR

Bangkok, November 19. At least 10,000 Vietnamese have fled from Indo-China into Siam to escape terrorism attending the civil war there.

Estimates vary, with immigration officials here naming 10,000 as the top figure, while Vietnamese sources in Bangkok say it is more like 100,000.

The Siam Government has promised the refugees all possible assistance.—Associated Press.

FOURTH CABINET RESIGNATION

Damascus, November 18. The Syrian Finance Minister, Walid Haddad, (Independence), resigned today. He is the fourth member of the Government to resign in a fortnight. The Syrian Premier, Jamil Mardam Bey, said there is "no crisis" in the Government.—Reuter.

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Mr. Truman Replies To Generalissimo

Washington, November 18. President Truman has replied to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's appeal for an expression of United States support. Reliable informants said the President sent a reply directly to Generalissimo Chiang. They declined to give any hints regarding its nature. Chiang's appeal was not made public but was reported to request a declaration of American policy of "sympathy, solidarity, and support" of the Chinese Nationalist cause.

It was believed possible that President Truman may merely have acknowledged the receipt of Chiang's letter and indicated that the appeal would receive prompt consideration without making any further commitments at present.—United Press.

Marines To Fight Only If Attacked

Washington, November 18.

Official quarters said today that the American Marines at Tsingtao will fight the Chinese Communists only if the Reds attack them or threaten United States civilians.

Officials emphasised that Marine reinforcements were ordered to Tsingtao only to safeguard the evacuees. There is no question of fighting unless the Marines are attacked or the civilians are threatened.

This policy was understood to be in keeping with recommendations on the Chinese situation recently worked out by the National Security Council for President Truman.

The United States Marine and naval forces are expected to continue training Chinese Nationalist seamen at Tsingtao as long as possible after the evacuation is completed.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, said yesterday that the question of withdrawing the force of Tsingtao and whether they would fight was up to the State Department. The State Department spokesman said the answers "depend on circumstances."

The 1,250 Marines will reinforce the 3,500 now on duty at Tsingtao under Vice-Admiral Owen C. Badger, Commander of the United States Naval Forces, Western Pacific. The surface fleet there normally includes three cruisers, 12 destroyers, two transports and supporting aircraft.

Would Withdraw

The carriers Tarawa and Princeton, two cruisers and 12 destroyers recently arrived at the port city.

The Navy has been training Chinese seamen at Tsingtao for over two years at the request of the Chinese Nationalist Government. Diplomatic officials left no doubt that the force would be withdrawn if the conditions worsen since this Government "has no right" comparable to those in Berlin. They said the training staff and headquarters do not constitute a United States naval base "as sometimes reported."

Meanwhile, State Department officials charged a recommendation to meet Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's personal appeal to President Truman for a new expression of American friendship and support for the Nationalist cause.

Monday's Meeting

The appeal coincided with Chinese estimates that \$1,000,000,000 in new American military aid

Rebels To Use Planes In Burma?

Rangoon, November 19.

In the Pegu district, North of Rangoon, Communists are claiming that their fight against the Government will soon be increased by aerial warfare.

The Communists are claiming that they are obtaining the use of aeroplanes for "protecting" the rice crop.

Farmers in the Pegu area are being threatened not to accept the Government's monetary aid for harvesting the new rice crop. Thursday's military communiqué reported that the jungles around Maungdaw, on the Western Arakan coast, are being combed out for rebels who escaped after a battle with Government forces outside Maungdaw.

It said that the Government forces are outside Maungdaw. The Government forces beat off rebels who surrounded Maungdaw, killing 49, the communiqué added.—Associated Press.

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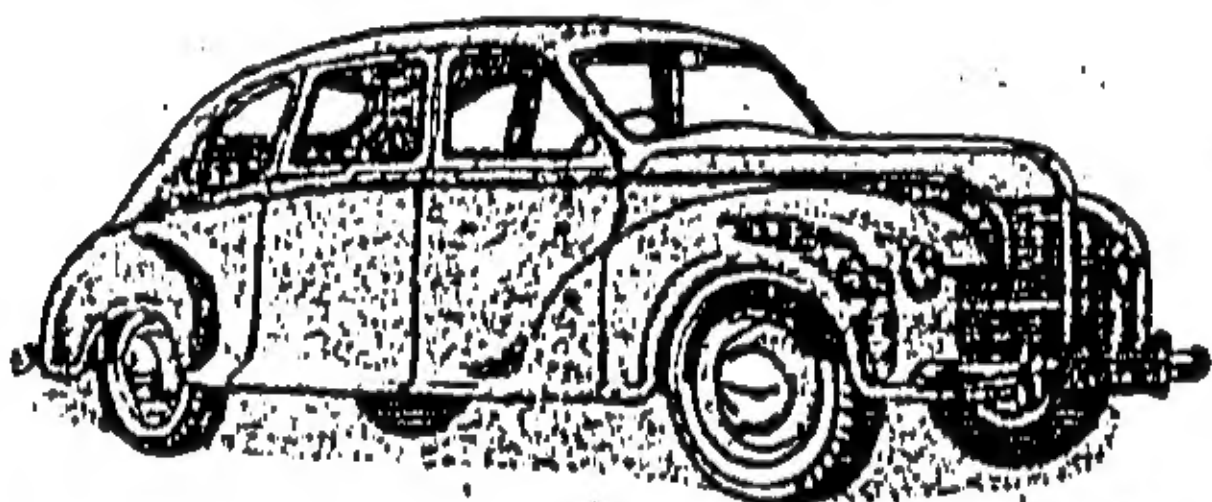
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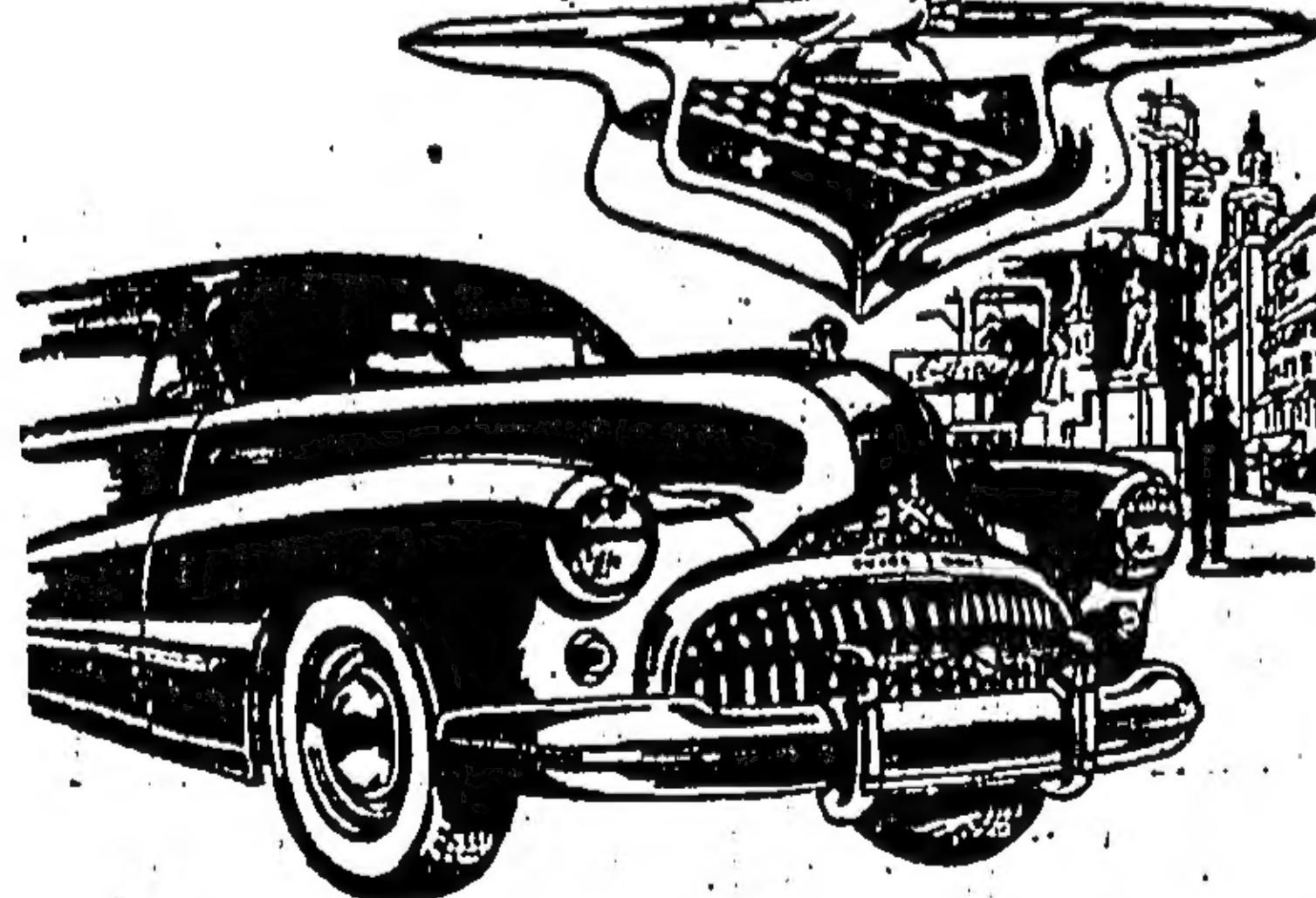
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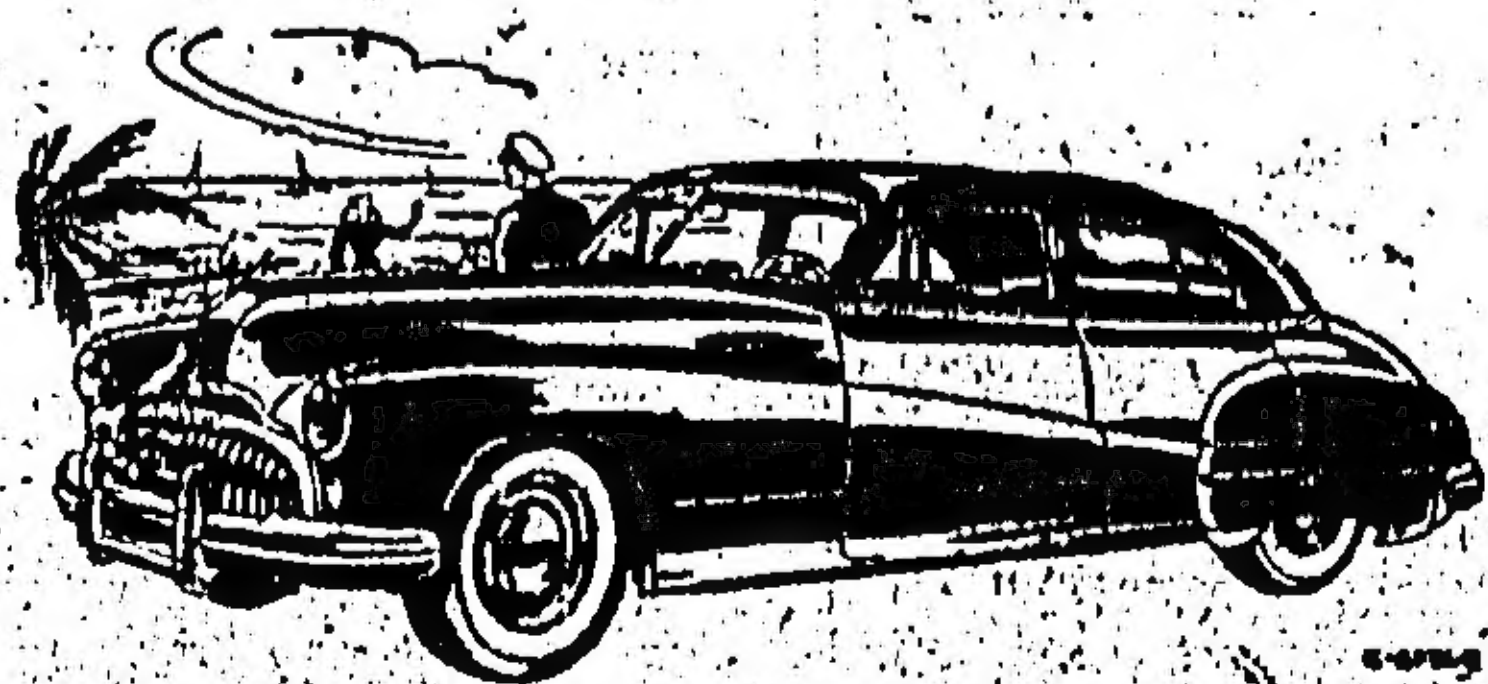


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MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

ONE BRITISH-MADE CAR IS COMPOSED OF 6,000 PARTS

To the average motorist—even though he takes
great pride in it—his car merely represents a
reliable and speedy means of transport.

Does he ever pause to realise just what a car represents in terms of technical skill, experience and patience, in the tremendous design and production organisation required, the immense array of mechanical equipment needed—and in human terms the headaches (and the back-aches) which all together, made it possible?

A car, in fact, is a symbol of possibly the most complex industrial organisation in the world. It is a triumph of men and machines pitted against crude metals and raw materials which are transmuted into something that moves (and in the opinion of many owners even has a 'personality').

Probably no product in the world today requires such a variety of materials or such a wealth of parts.

Many Metals

A car quite obviously calls for steel of various types but in addition many other alloys and metals such as brass, tin, copper, lead, tungsten and chrome, are necessary.

In the wider field of materials, wood, rubber, paints, chemicals and glass (and now plastics) are all essential substances and to round off the list there are such oddities as sand and flour (used for castings) Kapok, thread and oils of many varieties.

Unfortunately unlike the housewife, it is not sufficient even when all these basic materials are available to 'put them in a bowl, stir briskly and bring them slowly to the boil, or something like that. Each material in its turn has to be given shape, sometimes to 1/10,000th of an inch—and so designed that it will dovetail with all the other pieces in the vast jigsaw of production.

To be able to order and store such a vast array of parts is no mean feat and calls for superb organisation if each of the thousands of parts are at all times to be available to the army of men engaged in production. In simple terms, 6,000 items means one more British-made car for home or export use 5,999 items only means an unfinished car and yet another production hold-up. Yet the missing part may only be a bolt valued at a fraction of a penny! So the stores department to a manufacturer is what an arsenal is to an army.

Rootes Group

Let us take a peep at such an organisation—the Central Goods Receiving Department as it is called—of the Rootes Group plants at Coventry.

This stores department is virtually a factory in itself. It employs well over 200 men who have spent their working lives in the best part of their business. Into this focal point come all the thousands of components that go to the making of successful Rootes vehicles.

Here is one of the largest, best equipped and staffed industrial 'departmental stores' in Britain. Every one of nearly 10,000 items has to be in readiness in quantity for the production department which requires them.

While the car assembly line requires axles or tyrod wheels, the upholstery department urgently need clips or kapok or even upholstery tacks whilst the foundry calls for metals and materials for making castings and the machine shops the forged steel components that are to be mechanically chiselled, cut, flanged and polished into gear-wheels.

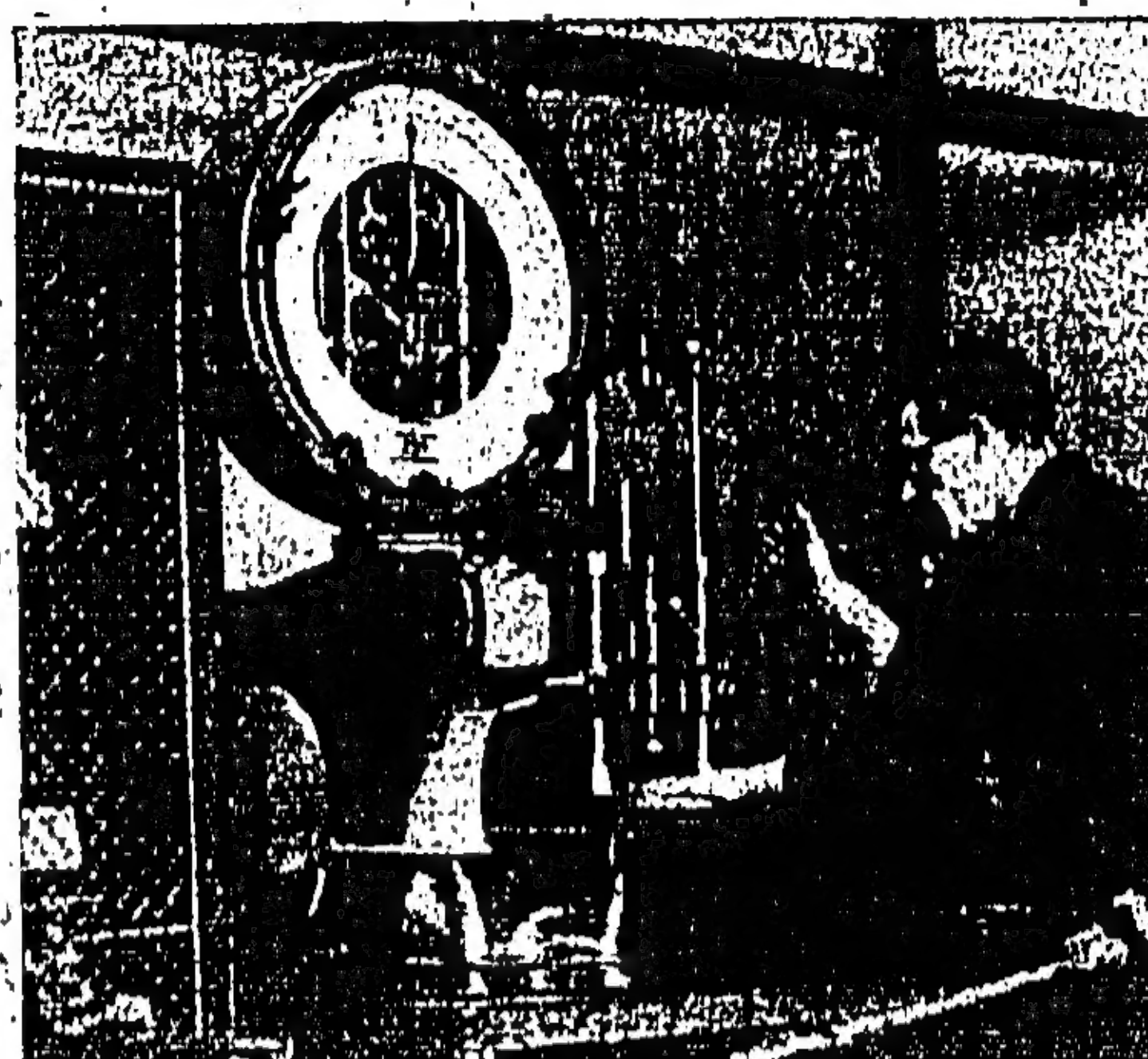
Such a store as this can carry a bulk of materials running well into six figures in Pounds Sterling, and tonnage ranging up to ten thousand.

Mechanised Store

Unlike ordinary departmental stores, 'goods' as they arrive cannot simply be placed on counters or stands, nor can they be allowed to sprawl haphazardly to take up an enormous and uneconomical floor area.

In 1936, the Rootes Group made history by mechanising this Central Goods Receiving Department. The system devised was to lodge incoming materials in standard size steel bins. The bins were stacked 15 feet high in metal racks so that they looked like weighty books on library shelves and the floor was taken up by a series of stacks of what appeared to be enormous children's building blocks intersected by 'roadways'. By this method

Tests For Valve Springs



Testing a new batch of valve springs with a special machine. This is one of the many activities which form a normal part of the work in the Central Goods Receiving Department of the Rootes Group at their Stoke Plant at Coventry.

ing the materials is put on a conveyor in readiness for transport to the production shop.

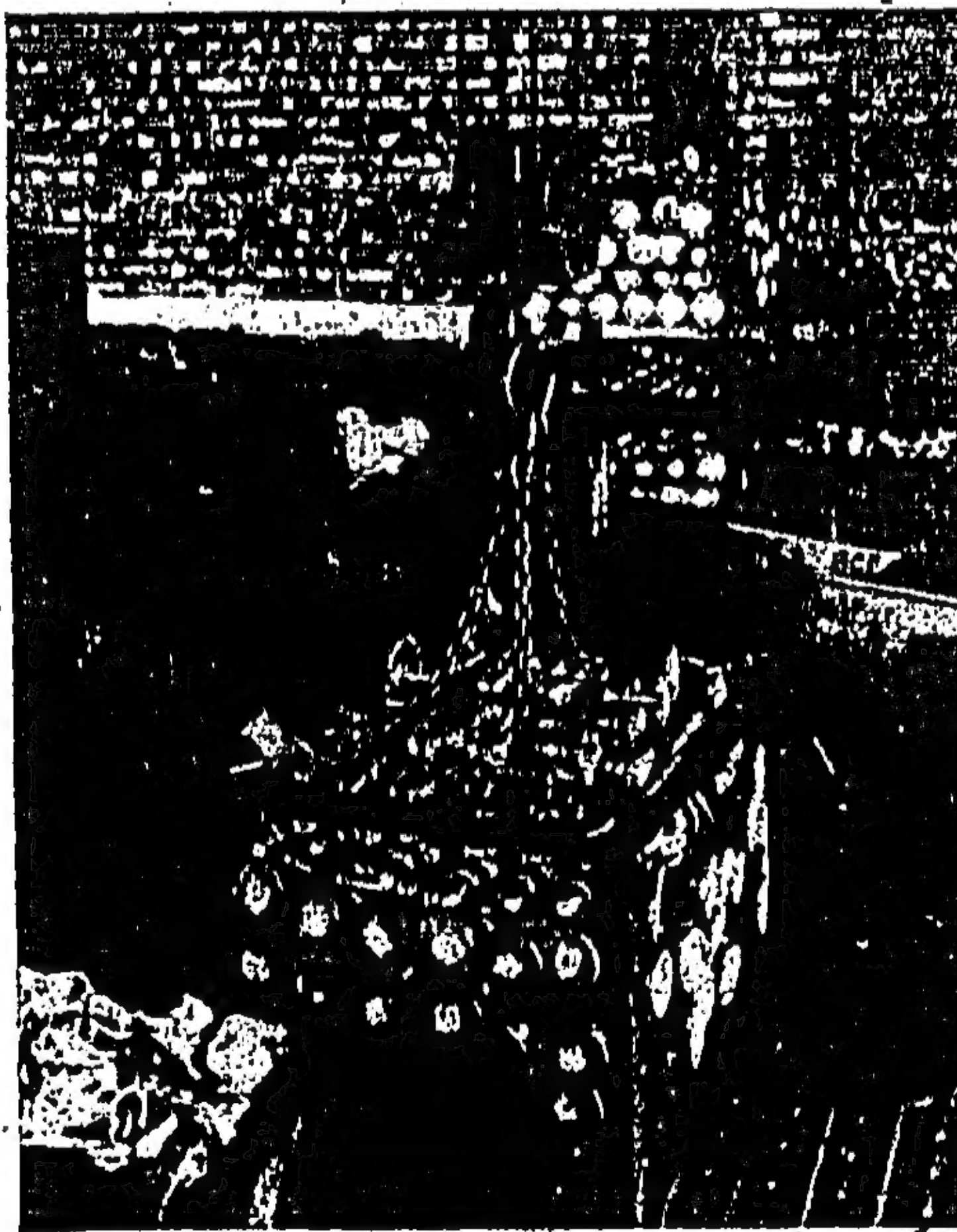
Counting By Weight

Every incoming consignment, whether blades for upholstery, rubber engine mountings or cam shafts in their forged state, have to be checked, classified and placed in appropriate bins and documented.

With large items counting is an easy matter. But how would an ordinary man deal with a new consignment which according to the invoice should contain large numbers of small parts.

Obviously these cannot be counted manually. The method adopted by banks in checking value of bags of coins is employed here. On a special scale, the weight of one hundred of these parts is taken, and by computation the full quantity is established.

In a plant like this where so many kinds of materials have to



A consignment of crankshaft forgings being moved by crane to a storage bin. These form just one of the 10,000 items in the Rootes Group stores of motor parts in their plant at Coventry.

up to seven tons of materials could be accommodated in one square yard of floor area.

Obviously a man cannot mount a 15 feet ladder to bring down a bin from the top which might contain a quarter ton of a particular component. A new form of mechanism was introduced to handle these bins, in the form of a crane-like device which ran on overhead rails and which carried the driver in a cab.

The cab housing the operator has space to carry one bin at a time, and manoeuvres in and out of the 'roadways' up or down from a bin at ground level to one 15 feet up the metal scaffolding. Whenever a particular bin is required, the cab moves round until it is alongside, grapples and hauls the bin inside the cab and then transports it to the point at which the bin contains

be fabricated, some of them in an unfinished state such as steel forging for gears, the quality, as well as the quantity has to be meticulously assessed.

Steel components have to be proved to be flawless and of the right tensile strength. Precision parts, ready for installation on arrival, have to be tested for an accuracy of up to 1/10,000th of an inch. Among the many scientific instruments which act as 'inspectors' is, for instance, a new electrical instrument which can give instantly the exact diameter of a valve at four different places.

Quick Fitting

An out of the ordinary section is that where tyres and tubes are fitted to the 'steel car' wheels. To a motorist who, because of his

Radio For Car And Home Use

A new car radio set, the Gadabout, designed by the Motovia Company, of Timperley, Cheshire, can be removed from a car in a few moments for operating from any convenient 200-250-volt a.c. mains supply.

Basically the Gadabout is similar to the normal Motovia post-war car radio set except that it has an inbuilt speaker and that it is made to slide into a rack instead of being secured directly to the fascia. For mains operation the set is removed and a special mains unit clipped on. A separate on-off switch is incorporated and provision is made for plugging in an extension speaker.

The Gadabout is a screened four-valve superhet with rectifier. The vibrator can easily be changed for 6-or 12-volt operation. Controls include a combined on-off switch and volume control, and a tuning switch, the dial covering the medium wave-band only.

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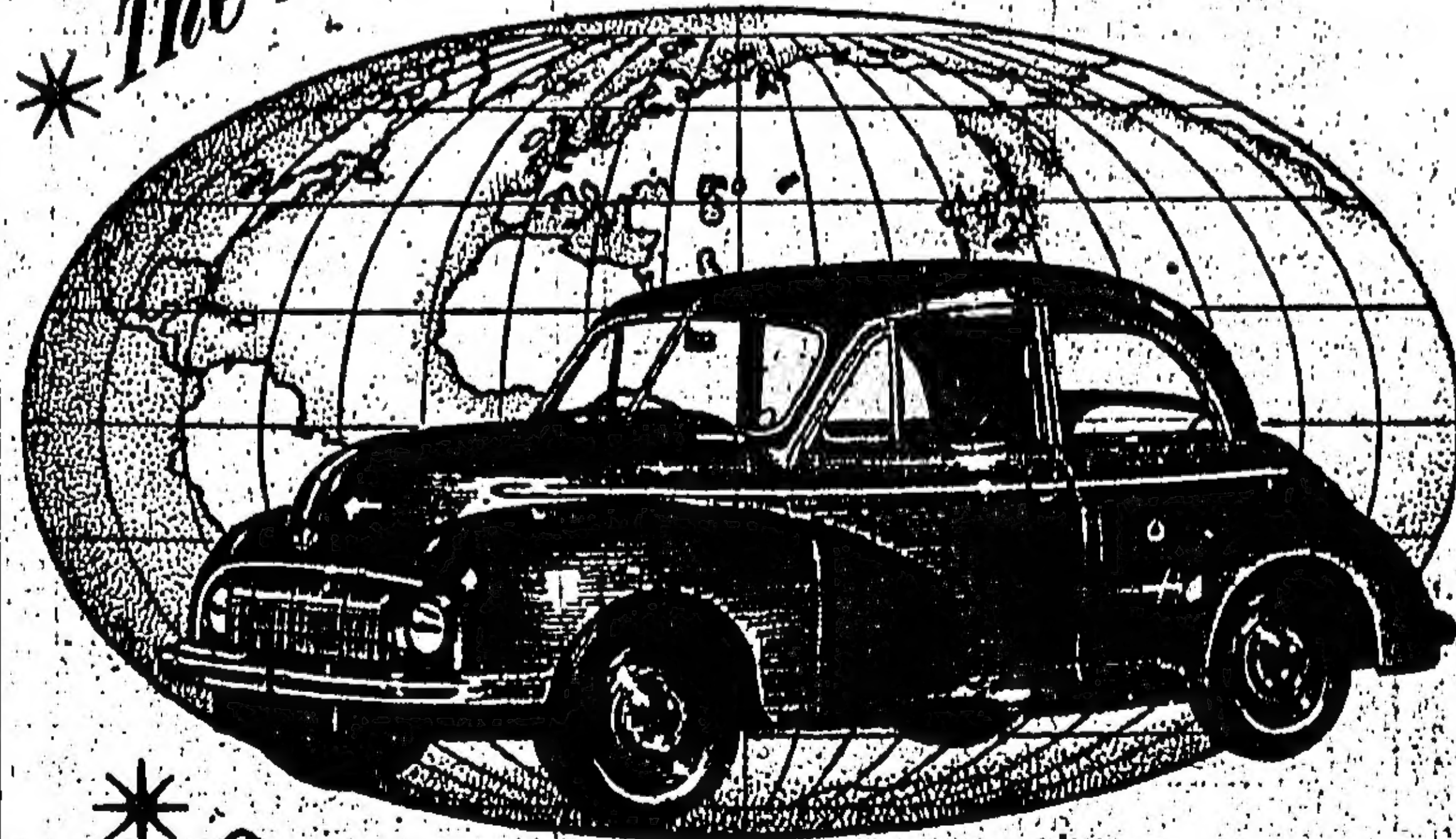
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Serious Situation In Dunkirk

Dunkirk, November 18. A regiment of 800 North African troops moved in here tonight to reinforce about 400 police and Republican security guards taking up strategic positions facing about 1,000 dockers who were strengthening a barricade within the steel gates of a harbour compound.

The dockers moved behind the gates last night as the Communist-controlled General Confederation of Labour called a general dockers' strike to begin on Monday.

The dockers piled up bales, sacks and heavy material unshipped during the past few days and were strongly entrenching their inner headquarters when the troops arrived.

The compound was erected by the Germans to protect the waterfront approaches during the occupation of France.

Passenger ferry services from Newhaven, England, were switched to Calais.

The CGT local headquarters announced that if troops tried to dislodge the dockers, they would call a general strike throughout the region. The situation at Dunkirk was described as "serious."—Reuter.

Monty Gets Motor Bike

London, November 18. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, wearing his black beret and uniform, accepted a £238 motor cycle for his personal use when he opened the first post-war Bicycle and Motor Cycle Show at Earl's Court today.

He chose the latest Sunbeam 500 c.c. as a present from the industry for his 61st birthday.

The machine has its twin cylinder engine and other working parts completely covered in plus-car type lubrication and car type clutch.

It will do 80 miles per hour.

Lord Montgomery promised to "look after it."

He told 3,000 people at the show that the motor cycle was the same make as the machine he bought in India in 1915, although "this is a great improvement," he said, "I am looking forward to a spin."—Reuter.

Wants Soviets To Dance The Rumba

Wiesbaden, November 19.

A Republican Congressman proposed today that the United States use the threat of force to precipitate an immediate showdown with Russia on the Berlin blockade.

Republican C.W. Bishop of Illinois, a member of the Armed Forces Committee, predicted that the Russians would back down in the face of such a threat.

"If we lined up two dozen B-29 Superfortresses with atom bombs and told the Russians to dance the rumba, why they would dance the rumba instead of the Russian dance."

Mr. Bishop said this in an interview just before flying to Berlin with five other Committee members.

The Congressmen, including the Committee chairman, Republican Dewey Short of Missouri, were here to inspect the airlift which supplies the beleaguered former German capital.

Mr. Bishop expressed confidence that the airlift could defeat the winter.

But he questioned the need of maintaining it rather than bringing about a showdown with the Russians.—Associated Press.

London, November 18. It was alleged today that Sidney Stanley, man of many names, took fruit, flowers and books to Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, in hospital.

The Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles was told this today by Harry Sherman, governing director of Britain's third largest football pools firm.

Stanley had promised to secure for him increased paper allocation, Sherman said.

Questioned by the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, Sherman said he had also heard Stanley (also said to be known as Solomon Wulman and three other names) telephone Mrs. Belcher at her home.

Sir Hartley: "Do you remember what he called her?"

Sherman: "He called her by her first name—Lulu."

Sherman told the Tribunal that he had considered his paper allocation unfair. Stanley had promised him he would see Mr. Belcher about it and gave him an emphatic assurance that the paper position would be put right.

Stanley, had mentioned the names of influential people like Mr. George Gibson, a director of the Bank of England, and Mr. Charles Key, Minister of Works, but he could not recall Stanley mentioning the name of Mr. William Glenville Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Not Pleasant

Sherman said he thought it "extraordinary and strange" that Stanley knew so many people in high places.

Later, Stanley had invited Sherman to his flat where he met Mr. Belcher and discussed the paper allocation. Mr. Belcher was non-committal and not particularly pleasant to him, Sherman said.

Sir Hartley: "Did Mr. Belcher hold out any hope for you in regard to your paper allocation?"

"No."

"Did he say there was nothing he could do in the matter?"

"Yes."

Questioned by the Attorney General, Sherman said he had lent Stanley £5,000 and one of the reasons for the loan was that Stanley apparently had influence with Mr. Belcher and might have done something against his firm.

Questioned about financial transactions with Stanley, Sherman said he had lent Stanley a further £7,000 by cheque on Security of a post-dated cheque for £27,000 from a firm called Lass and Company, which Stanley gave him together with a personal cheque for £12,000.

Forged Cheque

It was about this time that Stanley told him that he had made arrangements for him to

see Mr. Belcher again about the paper allocation and later saw Mr. Belcher in the House of Commons.

Mr. Belcher had then arranged a meeting for the following day at which the Paper Controller, Mr. Gray, would be present to discuss the paper allocation.

Stanley assured him that he had told Mr. Belcher about the case and there was no doubt that the paper position would be righted.

Sherman then said he gave Stanley the £5,000 as a loan because he thought Stanley had influence with Mr. Belcher. Sherman said he did not secure a promissory note from Stanley nor did he give Stanley a receipt for the £5,000 in cheques, Sherman said. Stanley kept putting off about repaying the loan.

Sherman told the Tribunal that when he presented the Lass and Company cheque for £27,000 it was returned and he was told that it was a forgery and had been stolen.

When he presented the other two cheques from Stanley, he was told that the account was closed on both of them. He telephoned Stanley, who told him that he should not have presented the cheques but that he would send him a banker's draft.

Hectic Meeting

Stanley had not denied that the Lass cheque was stolen and the conversation was rather a "hectic" one. Stanley told him to destroy the cheque.

Sherman said that he later met Mr. and Mrs. Belcher at a country hotel. When he spoke of the stolen and forged cheque and the two dishonoured cheques, Mr. Belcher said: "If I were you I would immediately put the matter in the hands of the police."

Asked by Sir Hartley Shawcross why he did not go to the police when the cheque Stanley gave him were dishonoured, witness said he wanted to avoid unseemly publicity.

The Attorney General pressed witness to say why he had gone several times to tell Mr. Belcher about Stanley's dishonoured cheques. What business was it of Mr. Belcher and what did Sherman expect him to do?

Witness said he thought Mr. Belcher, in view of his dealings with Stanley, ought to know of the gravity of the position. He agreed that it should have been his duty to report to the police the grave allegations against members of the Government of corruption, felony, forgery and theft.

Race Winnings

Sherman said that during a meeting with Mr. Belcher and the paper Controller Mr. Gray, at the Board of Trade, he told them that he had been "forced" to use more paper than he was properly entitled to, and Mr. Gray said: "You will not get any more paper."

Mr. Belcher also said: "If you have used more paper, then we shall have to have the matter investigated." Sherman said he was surprised at their attitude as Stanley had told him that Mr. Belcher knew he had been using more paper than his allocation.

After the interview, Board of Trade inspectors visited his firm at Cardiff and investigated the paper position.

Sherman said that David Williams had told him he had heard

Elizabeth Doing Well

London, November 19. Princess Elizabeth and her infant son are doing well, her doctors reported today.

"Her Royal Highness, the Princess Elizabeth, has had a comfortable night and continues to do well. The infant Prince is a healthy baby and is doing well."

The announcement was signed by Sir William Gilliat, gynaecologist and Sir John the Palace doctor.—Associated Press.

that Mr. Belcher had returned from a race-course one day with several hundred sterling "winnings" and then to have declared he had lost.

Mr. David Williams, secretary to the Empire Parliamentary Association, had heard that Mr. Belcher threw "several packages" of £100 on the table, intimating that they were winnings.

Meeting At Savoy

Sherman said that shortly afterwards, there was a telephone conversation and someone asked Mr. Belcher how he fared at the races, and, according to the story, he said he lost £13.

Sherman said he met Mr. Belcher and Mr. Williams at the Savoy Hotel in London and told Mr. Belcher that Stanley had said he was giving Mr. Belcher £50 each week and occasionally gave Mrs. Belcher £100.

Stanley also alleged that of the £5,000 loaned by Sherman, he had given half to Mr. Belcher and half to Sir Frank Soskice, the Solicitor General, witness said.

Sir Hartley Shawcross: "What did Mr. Belcher say about this?"

Mr. Sherman: "He indignantly denied it and ridiculed the whole thing." Sherman said Mr. Belcher then telephoned his secretary and said something to the effect that he was "dealing with explosives."

Asked by Sir Hartley if Mr. Belcher had not a perfect answer to any bribery allegations connected with the paper allocation—because he had never done anything about it—allocation, Sherman replied: "There was no question at all of any bribery."

Total Denial

He denied as "totally untrue" that Stanley had asked for and obtained £5,000 to pay Mr. Belcher and Sir Frank Soskice to stop proceedings against the Sherman Pools.

He also denied that Stanley had said Sir Frank Soskice "was of course expensive" and that Mr. Belcher was a "heavy spender" and each had to have another £2,500.

Questioned about the proposed £1,000,000 donation of his company as a public company, Sherman said Stanley arranged meetings for him with Mr. George Gibson, a director of the bank of England, and Mr. Glenville Hall, but after the discussions he was left in no uncertain terms of the hopelessness of the situation.

There had been no discussion of any consideration for Mr. Gibson or Mr. Hall.

The Chairman of the Tribunal adjourned the sitting 15 minutes earlier because he thought that Sherman, who had hesitated in his answers towards the end, was tired.

Evidence will be resumed tomorrow.—Reuter.

China Refugees For Philippines

Manila, November 18. The Philippines today studied the problem of political refugees seeking admission into the republic from tottering Nationalist China.

Immigration Commissioner Engracio Fabre flatly opposed the mass admission of refugees in a memorandum to the Department of Foreign Affairs. A radio-gram from Philippine Consul General Espinosa in Shanghai asked instructions on issuance of visas in view of the worsening conditions there.

Fabre opposed the admission of all stateless persons and suggested the case of political refugees be referred to the president's office for individual action.

Fabre contended the free admission of large numbers of refugees would aggravate the housing and food shortage in the islands. He recommended that those admitted on temporary visas give assurance they will leave the Philippines as soon as the emergency ceases or until such time as the government deems it proper to leave.

He also recommended that no stateless persons, Russians or white Russians be admitted as political refugees and cited the case of four Russians who are now held by the government as deportees because no country is willing to accept them.—Associated Press.

Truman Talks With Defence Chief

Key West, November 19.

President Truman and the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Forrestal, conferred for 45 minutes on defence and diplomatic problems.

They postponed discussion of the crisis facing the Chinese Nationalist Government.

The Defence Secretary, fresh from an inspection of Europe, submitted a 10-page memorandum and reported orally on his observations of the present outlook in Europe.

The presidential press secretary, Charles G. Ross, said the Chinese situation did not come up and there was no discussion of Forrestal's pending resignation, which Forrestal has said would become effective at the "will of the President."

Mr. Ross said: "The subject of China, I am categorically informed by the President and the Secretary, did not come up."

Mr. Forrestal flew back to Washington after the conference. The President's conference with the Defence Secretary is preliminary to a major review of the entire outlook for peace to be held at the White House on Monday.

Mr. Truman is flying back to Washington on Sunday to await this parity with the Secretary of State George Marshall, and W. Averell Harriman, roving ECA Ambassador.

Forrestal Silent

Mr. Forrestal was accompanied by General Alfred Greunther, his senior military advisor.

Mr. Forrestal declined to be specific about his report to Mr. Truman. Mr. Truman himself emphasised the continuing nature of American bi-partisan policy by designating the Republican, John Foster Dulles, as Acting Chairman of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations in the absence of Secretary Marshall.

Mr. Dulles was foreign policy advisor to Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Republican opponent of Mr. Truman in the recent election campaign.

Mr. Forrestal's flight here was preceded by his announcement that Marine forces at Tsingtao, China are being increased by 1,200 men; that transports are moving to evacuate Americans from the path of advancing Communists in China, and an appeal from Chiang Kai-shek for an American policy statement on China.—Associated Press.

Egyptians Seize American Ship

Washington, November 19.

The American Embassy in Cairo has been instructed to do everything possible to clarify quickly the case of an American ship seized by the Egyptian Government.

The ship, the Flying Trader, was seized at Port Said in connection with Egypt's announced "blockade" of Israel.

The United States does not recognise the blockade.

Officials said the United States State Department has sent instructions to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Stanton Griffiths, to investigate the case and do all possible to clear up the ship's legal position, protesting to Egypt if he considers it necessary.

While the State Department would not discuss the merits of the case, it appeared that they hoped to obtain the ship's release primarily by showing that the cargo was not going to Palestine.

The Egyptian authorities today were unloading the cargo of the Flying Trader, on the grounds that it was destined for Israel.

The authorities said they are confiscating 38 vehicles, 4,000 bags of rice and a large number of batteries and motor car spare parts.

Although the ship's manifest said that the cargo was bound for Gaza, the Egyptians claimed that labels on the goods said it was for Tel-Aviv.

The vessel, which belongs to the Isbrandtsen Steamship Company, was halted at Port Said on Tuesday. Officials said that the vessel's master at first refused to let Egyptian officials unload the cargo. The city's military Government issued the order for the confiscation, officials added.

When the master again refused, the United States Consul intervened asking him to obey orders.—Associated Press.

Colour Bar On Liner Alleged

London, November 18.

Mr. John Lewis (Labour) asserted in the Commons today that on the Union Castle liner, Durban Castle, which arrived at Capetown on October 23, a bathroom was set aside for three Africans with the notice on it "For non-Europeans Only."

Two of the Africans were Methodist Ministers, he said.

Mr. Lewis urged the Minister of Transport, Mr. Alfred Barnes, to make representations to the Union Castle Line on this matter.

"In view of the fact that the introduction of a colour bar on this ship does not tend to improve relations between the Government and the colonies."

Mr. Barnes replied: "While I have no powers to deal with such a matter, I have made inquiries of the Union Castle Line, because I deplore any racial discrimination."

"The Line inform me that they share my views and that the arrangements on board their ships are designed to give effect to this principle while meeting the general convenience and comfort of the passengers."—Reuter.

OFFICERS TO GO ON STRIKE

Paris, November 18.

The French Merchant Marine Officers Union, affiliated to the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour, today called on all its members to stop work for 24 hours tomorrow.

The union, announcing this, protested against the departure of certain ships alleged to be manned by incomplete crews.—Reuter.

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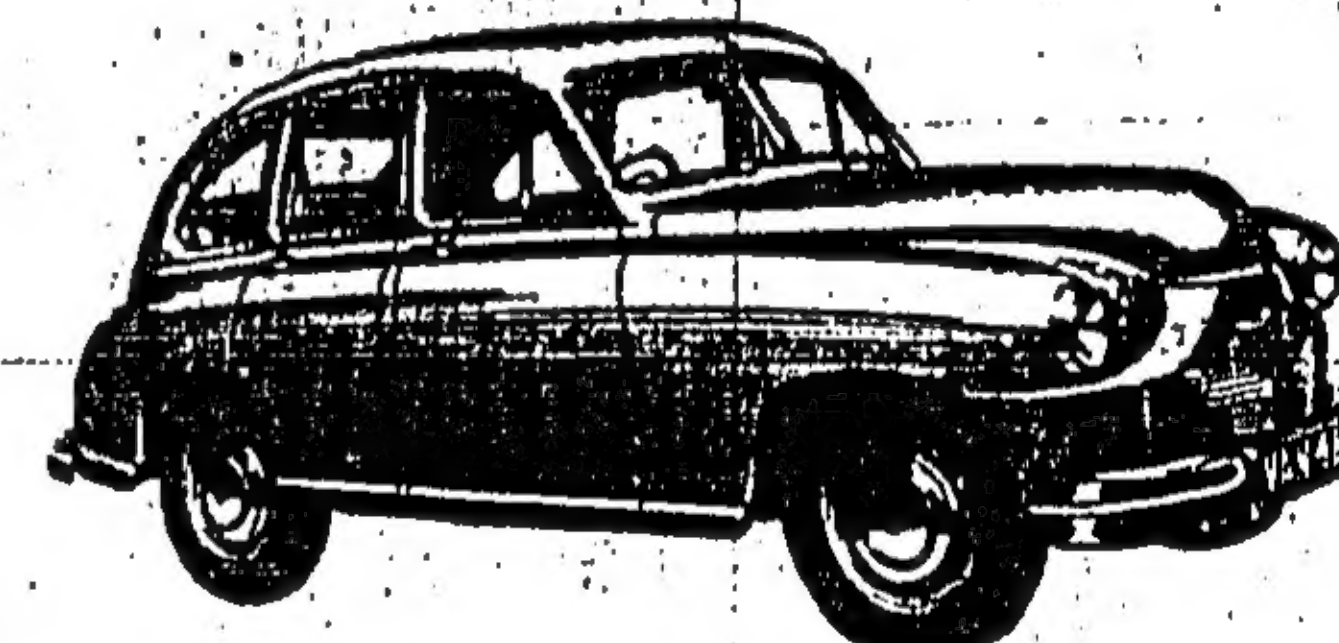
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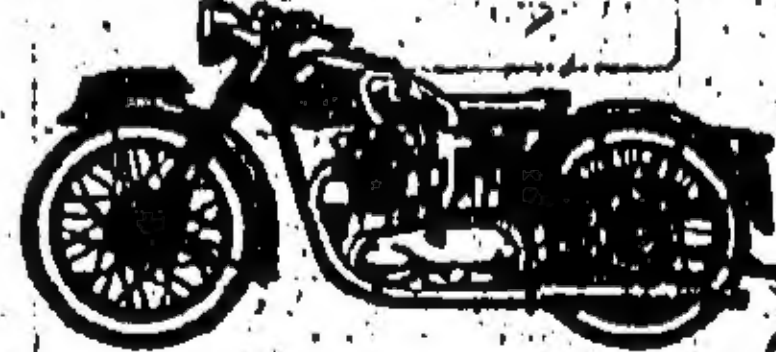
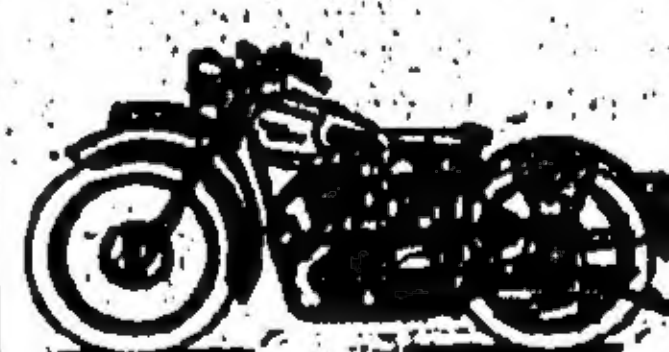
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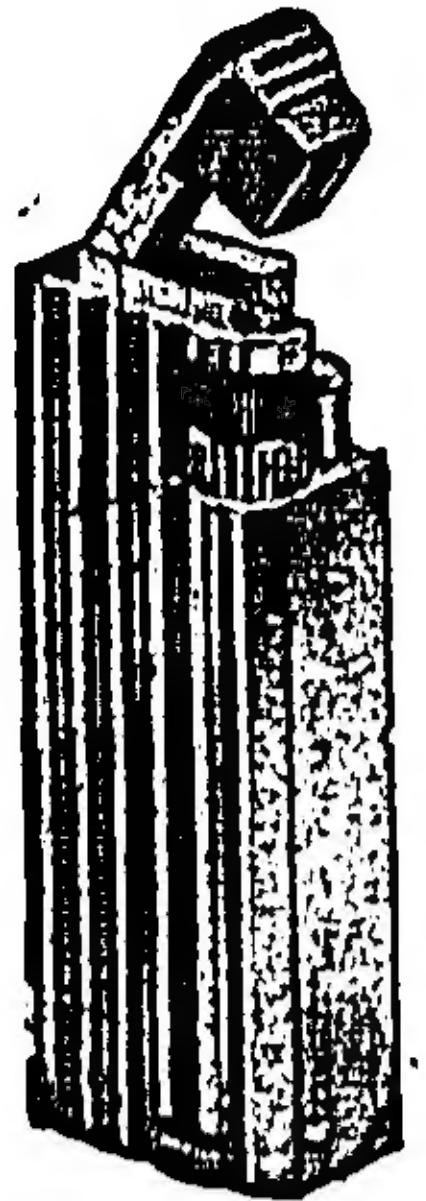
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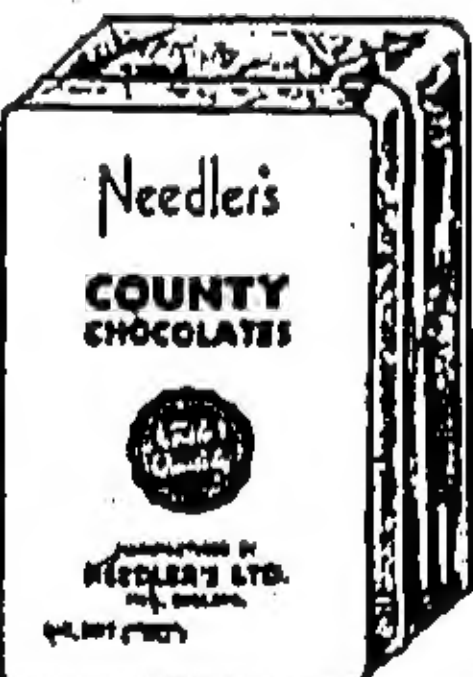
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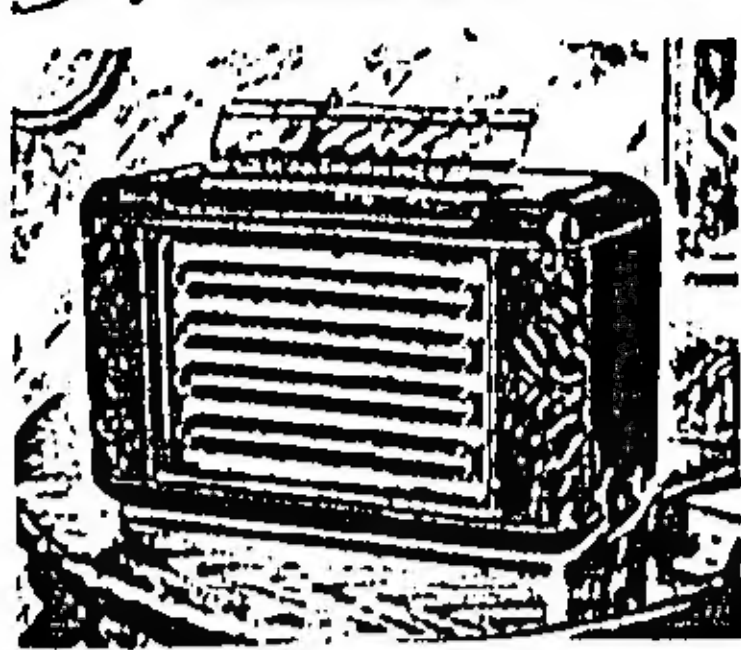
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CHINA URGES FAO HELP FOR FAR EAST AREAS

Washington, November 18.
The Chinese and Indian delegates to the fourth
annual conference of the Food and Agricultural
Organisation have urged that the organisation
should devote more attention to the relatively
undeveloped area of the world.

Japanese Trading Discussed

Washington, November 19.
The future conduct of
Japanese trade occupied most
of the attention of the Far
Eastern Commission's weekly
meeting today.

Informed circles said the dis-
cussion centred about import
and export regulations.
Also discussed was the pos-
sibility of opening Japan to various
types of business personnel at
present unable to travel to
Japan.

SCAP regulations permit cer-
tain types of business to send
representatives to Japan.

Further liberalisation might be
expected to let down the bars to
most kinds of commercial ac-
tivity. Such an agreement would
be a long way toward putting
Japan in a position to move to-
ward attaining her former place
in international trade by opening
the doors to overseas commercial
representatives.—Associated Press.

GENERAL MARRAS TO VISIT U.S.

Washington, November 18.
Chief of Staff of the Italian
Army, General Elio Marras, will
visit the United States for a 15-
day inspection of major United
States military schools and train-
ing centres, the State Department
announced today.

General Marras will be the
guest of the United States Army
Chief of Staff, General Omar
Bradley, returning a call made
by General Bradley to Italy last
year.

Heih Chen-Peng, of the
Chinese Ministry of Agricul-
ture and Forestry, declared:
"The Far East, the Near East
and Latin America call for
greater efforts and larger ap-
propriations for their regional
set-up and regional activities."
The need of FAO assistance
in these areas was urgent be-
cause of their undevelopment.

The Chinese Food Minister, Mr.
Liu, complained that undue em-
phasis was still being directed to-
ward the so-called "paper work"
in contrast to actual field work
in regions where FAO assist-
ance was most needed.

He said that while basic in-
formation was a necessary part
of the FAO organisation he
thought much of this type of ac-
tivity might possibly be carried
out in conjunction and co-opera-
tion with existing United Na-
tions' specialised agencies as well
as by existing member govern-
ments' organisations.

Rural Welfare

Mr. Liu noted with "dismay"
what he described as the me-
agre amount of money set aside
for rural welfare, "an item
which strikes at the very root
of improvement in the life of
the farmer."

He urged early appointment of
regional representatives for the
Far East and hoped that a na-
tional from the particular region
would be appointed to fill this
key position. A local expert
would know conditions and un-
derstand the needs of the region
more intimately and sympathet-
ically than an outsider.
Mr. P. Deshmukh of India drew
attention to the undeveloped areas
of the Far East and to the neces-
sity of allocating more funds for
work in that region. He also
urged that new posts in the Secre-
tariat in the Organisation should
be found for representatives of
member nations from the Far
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Cat Picked Up In Channel

London, November 19.
Even cats are going in for
Channel swimming these days.
A holiday cruising boat to-
day picked one up, two miles
out.
A bit bedraggled, Puss
purred her thanks.—Associat-
ed Press.

"Flying Wing" Tested

Washington, November 18.
The Navy announced today
that it had successfully com-
pleted flight tests of the "Fly-
ing Wing" jet fighter plane
with a speed of "over 600
miles per hour".
The plane, known as the XF-
77, is specially designed for ship-
board operation and has twin
jet engines, sharply swept back
wings and no conventional type
of tail at all.

The Navy said the plane was
"totally unlike any service air-
craft thus far revealed."
The announcement said the new
fighter was "faster than any other jet
aircraft now in operational use."
—United Press.

U.S. Proposal For Indonesia Talks

Batavia, November 19.
America has submitted as "a working paper for the
United Nations Good Offices Committee" her
proposal for resuming negotiations on the
Indonesian dispute.

A Committee spokesman on
Thursday said that the propo-
sal, made by the United
States member, Mr. Merle Co-
chran, was put on record on
November 10 but it was not
yet decided whether to include
it in the Committee's agenda.

The spokesman refused to say
whether the Belgian and Aus-
tralian members had accepted the
proposal by Mr. Cochran as a
basis to resume negotiations,
which were broken off last July.



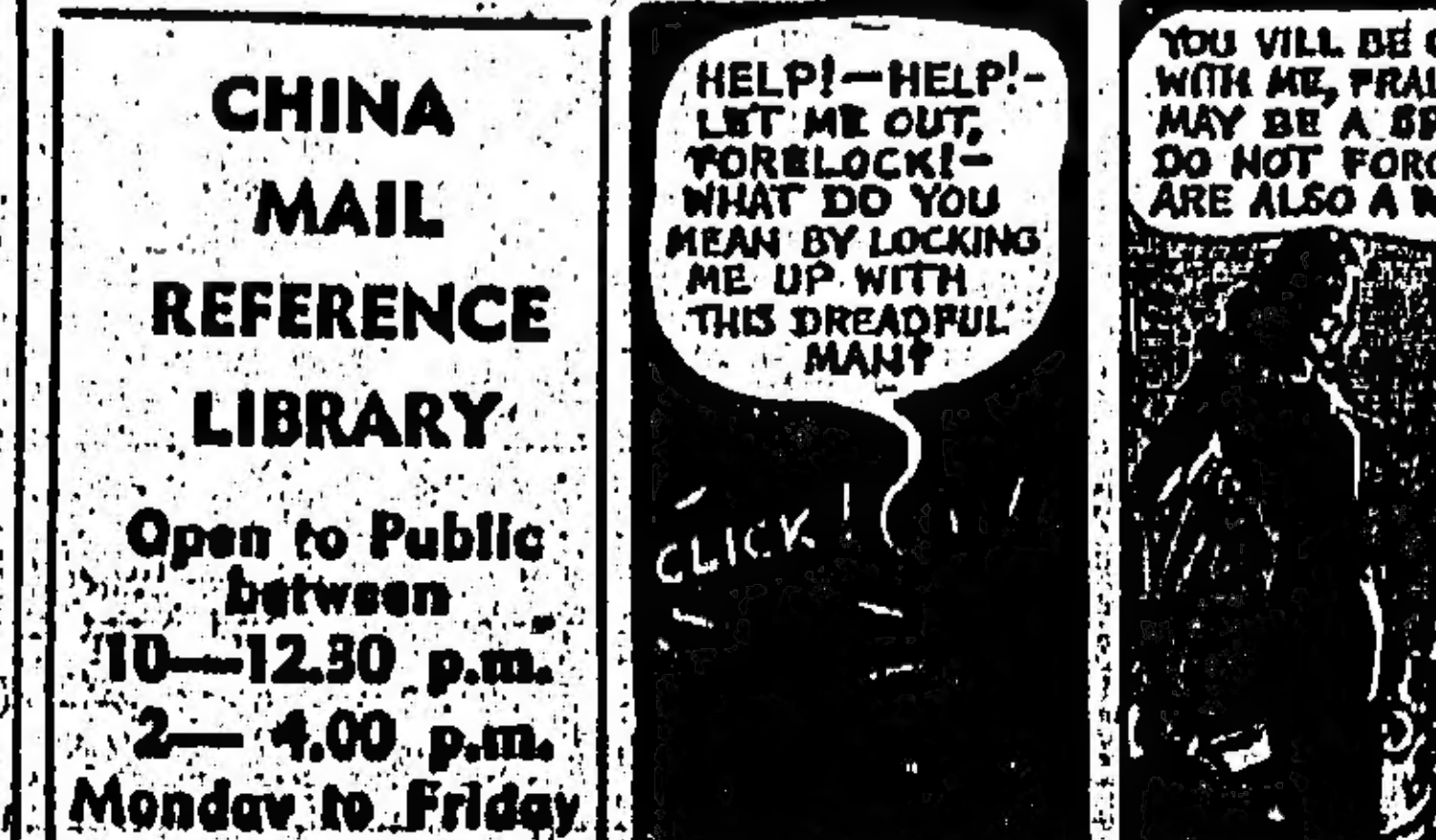
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Shipping Strike Costing Fifty Millions A Day

New York, November 18.
A United Press survey today showed that the mari-
time strikes on the East and West Coasts have
idled 143,000 workers and 647 ships.
The strikes are costing the nation's economy some
US\$50,000,000 a day.

While negotiators and Fed-
eral mediators worked to set-
tle the West Coast strike of
12,000 CIO Longshoremen and
the East Coast strike of 65,000
AFL dock workers, some 32,000
workers in allied industries
were thrown out of jobs.

A spokesman for the sugar and
wool processing industries, de-
pendent on imports, said they
faced imminent shutdowns. Also,
the national defence programme
is being curtailed as the flow of
imported strategic materials is
cut off.

Total exports for September
were US\$929,000,000 and imports
US\$84,000,000, according to Com-
merce Department figures. Nearly
all of these have been cut off,
except for a trickle entering the
Gulf ports.

Losses in wages amounted to
more than US\$1,500,000 daily.
Longshoremen on the West Coast
lose US\$200,000 a day and those
on the East Coast more than

US\$100,000. Seamen and other
workers are losing an additional
US\$800,000 a day.

Friday Meeting
On the Atlantic Coast, William
Margolis, assistant Director of
the U.S. Mediation and Concilia-
tion Service, arranged for Friday
the first joint meeting between the
AFL International Longshore-
men's Association and the ship-
owners since the strike began, a
week ago.

Meanwhile, on the Pacific
Coast, negotiators are trying to
thrash out a compromise on
wage and grievance procedure
to settle the 12-week-old walk
out of the CIO International
Longshoremen's and Warehouse-
men's Union.

Some 273 ships are tied up in
West Coast ports.
The American Legion National
Commission today charged that
the Pacific Coast strike had the
effect of a Communist blockade
on shipments to China and urged
that steps be taken "immediately"
to get food to the Chinese Republic.

"Red Blockade"

The charge was made in a re-
port by the National Foreign Re-
lations Commission, which said,
"We believe our Pacific Coast
ports are undergoing what is in
effect a Communist blockade and
we urge that instant steps be
taken to break through that
blockade in order to permit an
adequate flow of necessities to
China."

The Commission said it had
been asked "whether the dock
strikes on the Pacific Coast
were fostered by sympathisers
with Communism or with the
purpose of aiding the Com-
munist in China."

"What we know is that the
Pacific Coast strikes synchronised
with the Communist drive in
China. We emphatically feel it
to be our duty to call public at-
tention to the serious consequences.
We regard food for China and
materials for Europe as an im-
portant part of world defence
against Communist aggression."
—United Press.

China Jews To Enter Israel

Shanghai, November 19.
All of China's 9,000 Jews
have received blanket permis-
sion for their admission with-
out reservation into Israel,
according to an official an-
nouncement last night by the
local Palestine Office of the
Jewish Agency, quoting a
cable from the Israeli Govern-
ment.

Details regarding shipping
facilities and landing particulars
are now awaited. The announce-
ment said a message had been
received from the headquarters
of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem
to the effect that the Israeli Gov-
ernment and the Jewish Agency
had decided to enable every Jew
in China who was ready to leave
for Israel to reach that destina-
tion.

Important Jewish agencies,
particularly the American-Jewish
Joint Distribution Committee,
have been asked by the Israeli
Government to co-operate in
carrying out this plan.—Reuter.

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ISRAEL INTENTION TO STAY IN NEGEV AREA

Tel Aviv, November 19.

Israel told the United Nations flatly last night that it would not order its troops out of the Negev, Palestine's Southern desert.

The Jewish Cabinet's answer to Security Council order to withdraw Israeli forces to specified lines and create a demilitarized zone in the Negev was given following a long session.

During the Cabinet meeting the Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, talked of peace, but said Israel would ignore the UN mediator's order to withdraw completely from the Negev by Friday.

He told the State Council, "the time has come when the people and the Government of Israel should start making necessary preparations for the coming peace."

Ben-Gurion said all troops sent South on October 14 to open the way to the Negev had by now been recalled to their bases. Jewish troops still in the Negev were forces which had been there before October 14, he added. They would remain there to safeguard Israel, he said.

British Plan

Ben-Gurion said he was encouraged by recent developments in Paris where the truce was being abandoned for an armistice. This, he said, was a step to peace.

He again said Israel was willing at any time to negotiate peace with the Arabs who, he said, were convinced by now that they would not be able to crush the Jewish state and would have to accept it.

Britain today proposed that Arab Palestine should be handed to Transjordan, and that the Bernadotte Plan for Palestine should be adopted, giving the Negev to the Arabs, Western Galilee to the Jews, and putting Jerusalem under international control.

In a long resolution put before the United Nations Political Committee, Britain also proposed:

U.S. Approval

The return of Arab refugees to their homes as soon as possible with "adequate compensation" for property lost through pillage, confiscation, or destruction.

A recommendation to the Security Council that after the frontiers have been established, any attempt to alter them by force should be considered a "threat to peace, a breach of the peace, or act of aggression."

A British spokesman emphasized that Britain had prepared her resolution in close consultation with the American and French delegations.

It was learned from normally reliable sources tonight that the United States, whose attitude to the Bernadotte Plan for Palestine has been the big mystery of the United Nations Palestine Assembly, will support the plan with certain modifications. Associated Press.

Truman Compared With Hitler!

Paris, November 18.

A French Communist in the National Assembly today compared President Truman with Hitler.

He was Auguste Lecœur, Communist Deputy for the Pas de Calais and President of the Miner's Federation for that Department.

Lecœur was speaking in the debate on the Communist-led coal strikes, which began on October 4, and on the allegation by the Socialist Minister of Interior, M. Jules Moch, that the strike was inspired by the Communists.

Lecœur said "it may be said that President Truman is the Hitler of today." There was loud protests from the Government benches and applause from the Communists.

The President of the Assembly, M. Edouard Herriot, interrupted the Deputy with a reprimand for using "injurious terms."

M. Robert Lacoste, Minister for Industrial Production, said that within a few days every French coal miner would have returned to work.

M. Lacoste said: "Seventy per cent of the miners are at work."

TRADE PACT

Frankfurt, November 18.

The German news agency, DENA, reported that a trade agreement between France and the three Western Zones of Germany was signed in Frankfurt today. Reuter.

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British Delegate Walks Out.

Budapest, November 18.

Four delegates representing Britain, the United States, Holland and Belgium today dissociated themselves from further proceedings of the International Organisation of Journalists Executive Council meeting in Budapest.

They did this after protesting against the form the meeting was taking.

The American delegate, Mr. Harry Martin, President of the American Newspaper Guild, walked out of the session today after the Russian delegate, M. Pavel Yudin, had criticized the American Newspaper Guild and the British National Union of Journalists for allegedly failing to take a firm stand against war propaganda in the press of their countries.

The Council, after the British, American, Dutch and Belgian protest, adopted a Polish resolution condemning all forms of war propaganda in the press and a Hungarian resolution protesting against alleged persecution of "progressive" journalists. Reuter.

None Worthy Of Nobel Peace Prize

Oslo, November 19.

The Nobel Peace Prize Committee said today that it would make no award this year. It gave no reason, but the announcement was interpreted to mean that no worthy candidate had been found in this period of cold war.

The Hindu leader, Mohandas K. Gandhi, who was assassinated early this year, had been mentioned unofficially as the strongest candidate.

Last year's award of nearly £10,200 went to the U.S. and British Society of Friends (Quakers).

Nobel prizes have been awarded this year in medicine, literature, chemistry and physics. Associated Press.

Political Crisis In Belgium

Brussels, November 18.

The Belgian Minister of Justice, M. Paul Henri Struys, resigned tonight after a long Parliamentary debate in the Lower House on the reproach of two Belgians found guilty of war crimes.

Immediately afterwards, the Premier, M. Paul Henri Spaak, told the House that he would consult his Cabinet, "who will most probably hand in their resignations."

An emergency Cabinet meeting will be held tomorrow. Observers believed tonight that M. Spaak will go from the Cabinet meeting to the Royal Palace to hand in the resignation of his Cabinet to Prince Charles, the Regent.

The two Belgians, Francois Boveroulle and Arthur Surin, whose reprieve caused today's crisis, were condemned to death by a military court at Mons which had tried them on charges of war crimes against Belgian civilians.

During today's debate in the Lower House, M. Struys, the Socialist Christian (Catholic) Minister of Justice, was asked to answer a motion calling his attention to "repercussions on Belgian public opinion" caused by the reprieve.

The Minister said the measure of grace accorded to the two men did not constitute any change in the Government's policy towards convicted collaborators.

The two groups forming the Coalition Government—the Socialists and the Social Christians—then left the House to consider the position separately.

Slow Market On Wall Street

New York, November 19.

Supply and demand were almost evenly balanced on Thursday in the slowest stock market in three months.

Only 780,000 shares were traded—lowest since August 16. Changes were mostly fractional. Of the 1,004 issues traded, 420 advanced and 308 declined.

Joy Manufacturing added 2 3/4 at 34 1/2 after an increased and extra dividend. National Lead jumped three. American Woolen dropped 2 1/2 at 38 1/2. More typical was Pepsi-Cola—down 1/4 at 9, and North American Company up 1/4 at 15 1/2. Dow Jones averages 64.45; Industrials 176.06; rails 64.30; utilities 33.10. Associated Press.

SHIP WRECKED IN SHETLANDS

Foula, November 18.

Seven Danish seamen, stranded when their ship, the 240-ton schooner Nordstjernen, was wrecked here last Saturday, were taken off today by the fishing boat Thistle.

The Thistle was expected to reach Scalloway (Shetlands) light tonight. The seven men were all the crew of the Nordstjernen. Many boats were tonight reported to be out salvaging timber from the wrecked vessel. Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, November 18.

Steamers Vignes and Marx Navigator arrived from Manila. Skubso sailed for Hong Kong. Mary J. Goulondis for Yokohama. Hoolengra for Australia. Associated Press.

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LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF PRICE DEFLATION, SAYS BANK REVIEW

London, November 18.

The Barclay's Bank review expresses the opinion that there is less likelihood in the future of wide price deflations, which were used to provide a partial corrective to the historic upward pressure of prices and the depreciation in the purchasing power of money.

European production has recovered more rapidly than after the first world war but nobody expects a repetition of the 1921 slump. (Reuters Financial Editor comments that Mr. Winston Churchill argued the same in the steel debate.)

After 1918, Britain deflated her

money circulation and retrenched the budget to raise sterling against the dollar. As a contrast since 1945, the basic objective of the credit policy has been full employment and not parity of currency with any external standard.

No Deflation

Thus no attempt is likely in the foreseeable future to contract and deflate for its own sake.

Hard money has lost prestige. Dicton Woods subordinates external to internal considerations and lays down that if there is a clash, adjustment will be by changing the exchange rate and not by adjusting the domestic purchasing power to a rigid external standard.

Previously monetary deflation sometimes interrupted the secular trend towards rising prices and depreciation. In the purchasing power of money, but this post-war monetary philosophy and political budgeting will make such interruption rarer.—Reuter.

INDIAN TRADING WITH JAPAN

New Delhi, November 18.

The Government of India today urged traders to take early advantage of the high priority given to India on Japanese industrial production.

An announcement concerning a sterling area trade agreement with Japan said that firm orders should be placed before the end of November for items not requiring inspection on the spot and by the end of December for the remainder.

The announcement noted that India is sponsoring visits to Canton varied between 21% and 22% cents. Shanghai remittances opened at 15% cents, went up to 18 cents and dropped back to 16% cents.

Distress opened at HK\$9.05 a 100 and closed at \$9.01 1/4. Ticals were quoted at HK\$20.30 a 100.

2 1/2 Guilders went up to HK\$35 a 100, after opening at \$34.05 in the morning.

Sterling made a big climb to HK\$15, the highest for the last six months.

Australian pounds were quoted at HK\$12.50.

Money Market

Gold dropped to HK\$299.75 a tael yesterday but at the close of the market it recovered to \$302 which was the same as the opening rate.

U.S. dollars dropped further to HK\$55.10, but improved to \$55.20 in the afternoon.

Gold Yuan was quoted at 25 and 24 1/2 cents. Remittances to Canton varied between 21% and 22% cents. Shanghai remittances opened at 15% cents, went up to 18 cents and dropped back to 16% cents.

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